

864th Engineers aid Napa youth project

By Jane Smith

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NAPA, Calif. Dec. 15 — The United States Army has come to the rescue of the R.L. Couch Memorial Park, a fledgling recreation project being undertaken by volunteers in South Napa County.

Equipment and personnel from the U.S. Army (the 864th Engineer Battalion) at the Presidio under the supervision of Colonel Robert V. Kane, commander, has been operating for two weeks on the American Canyon Project near Mare Island.

Three bulldozers, a road grader, a front loader, dump trucks and a cadre of eight men have daily been at work and expect to continue through January. The men and equipment are doing the stump hauling and earthwork needed to develop an oval motor bike park with hill climb, and volleyball and tennis courts.

In addition, the Army is digging a five acre foot pond that will supply water for the maintenance of horses and cows stabled on the property.

The entire project, many months in the making, has been spearheaded by the American Canyon Youth Involvement Project under the direction of project coordinator Steve Krannichfield.

The R.L. Couch Memorial Park was organized

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separately from the youth involvement project as an outgrowth of complaints about youth unrest in a nearby housing subdivision. The people in the area decided to take matters into their own hands and develop a recreation area.

The land was leased by the project through the County of Napa and the necessary use permits were obtained to move ahead.

Krannichfield went to the Army at the Presidio and Col. Kane for volunteer labor and received an energetic response.

Krannichfield estimated that the labor and equipment, if contracted professionally, would be worth at least \$20,000. But it has all been done for free except for the fuel which the project fund has supplied.

Editor's Note: The American Canyon Project is one of many community service activities undertaken by the Presidio's 864th Engineer Battalion. This particular one has involved bringing the men 43 miles each day to the work site. Their equipment is left there in a protected area. The battalion received widespread publicity last summer for its help in the Mountain Lake cleanup project.

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Post takes aim on electricity waste

By John Chambers

Spurred by rising power costs, the Presidio Energy Conservation Council will begin a three-pronged attack this month aimed at identifying and cutting back electricity waste on post.

Part of the plan, electricity metering of major distribution circuits and in the family housing areas, was announced last month and is expected to be in effect by the end of January.

Additionally, the council now said it plans surveys of office lighting and certain household appliances.

Spiraling Electricity Costs

The spiraling cost of electricity was given as the major reason behind the offensive. Figures show that the price of electricity to the Presidio has risen 75 per cent in the 18 months from July 1973 to January 1, 1975.

This has increased the Presidio's main electricity bill from \$33,300 in July 1973 to \$53,900 by October of last year, the latest figure available, with only a 10 per cent increase in consumption. The council anticipates further price rises in the future.

The energy board said it hopes to trim electricity waste by working with the post engineers to identify the pattern of electrical use here. It said the funds saved could be used to improve other aspects of Presidio life.

Office lighting will be the first noticeable victim of the campaign. Beginning this month, survey teams from the Facilities Engineers will adjust lighting in work areas to the levels recommended by the "Illuminating Engineering Society." These levels consider the type of task and the amount of light needed to accomplish it without creating eyestrain or using too much electricity.

Office Lighting

Trained teams equipped with light meters will enter each office and measure in footcandles the illumination over work areas. Using the guidelines established by the IES, it will then remove or install lighting as is appropriate.

Removing should be the more common of the two. GSA said that such surveys conducted at other posts have reduced office electrical consumption by 40 to 50 per cent.

The council expects some complaints about reduced lighting despite the scientific nature of the survey. "We want everyone to realize that the people coming through on these surveys are trained," said Colonel Frank J. Dorsey, an advisor to the Energy Conservation Council. "We recognize that different people need different lighting, but we must go by the guidelines. Individual problems can be handled on a case by case basis."

The household appliance survey, which will be in the form of a questionnaire sent to each household, will concentrate on what are termed "discretionary" appliances: dishwashers, irons,

washing machines and clothes driers. The questionnaire will be used to determine how many of these items are on post and at what time they are used.

The term "discretionary" comes from the council's belief that these are the four largest consumers of power which can reasonably be used at any time of the day to accomplish their given task.

Twofold Billing

When these four worksavers are used is of the utmost importance to the Energy Council. The Presidio receives its electricity on an industrial contract with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). Unlike domestic electricity consumers, industrial consumers are billed not only for the total amount of power they consume monthly, but for the maximum amount they demand. This second cost is determined by measuring the highest amount of electricity the customer uses at any one time during the month.

Due to the intricacies of the billing system, appliances added to the power load during a peak period can greatly inflate the cost of power. For instance, one clothes dryer running one hour during a peak power period could cost the Presidio \$78 over the course of a year.

Peak Period of Demand

Presidio's period of peak demand occurs between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Although Dorsey stressed that there are no plans to restrict the use of these appliances, he hopes the survey will encourage Presidians to use them during non-peak hours.

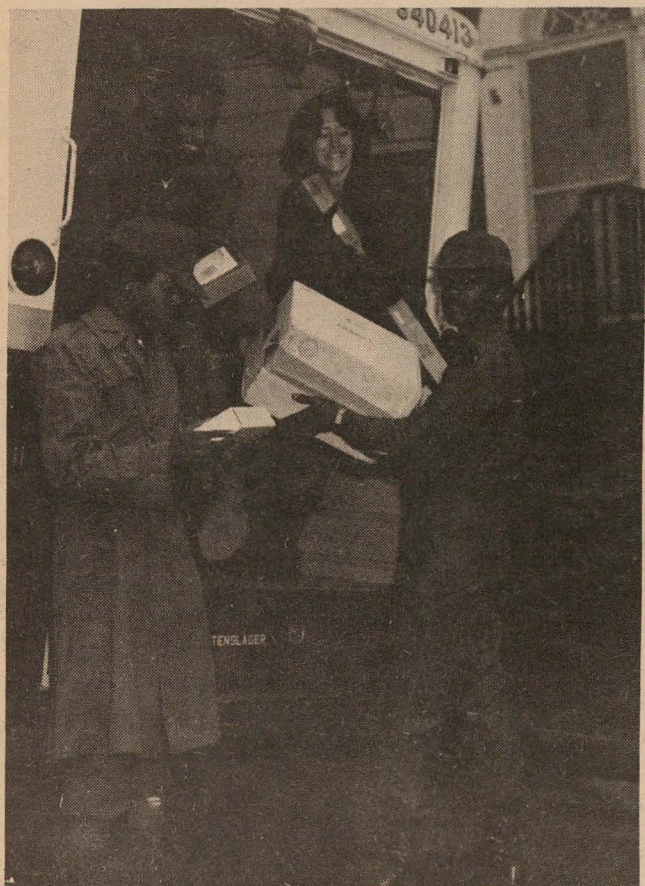
Electricity meters are the third part of the campaign. Their planned use in housing areas and on major distribution circuits was announced in late December. Like the appliance survey, the council hopes the meters will give them some idea where the Presidio consumes its power.

At the current time, there are no residential meters in the post housing areas. For this reason, there is a possibility the post is paying for more electricity than it actually consumes.

Paying The Electricity Bill

Money for the post electricity bill comes from two different sources. Family housing is covered by the Defense Family Housing budget, a Department of Defense agency. The Presidio foots the remainder of the bill with its operations and management budget which also must pay most appropriated Presidio activities except military pay and military construction (major projects).

A recent audit done here indicated the Presidio was not charging Defense Family Housing for all the electricity consumed in family housing. The meters will determine whether this is true. If it is, Dorsey said funds now being used for electricity could be released to make other improvements on post.



Santa's Helpers

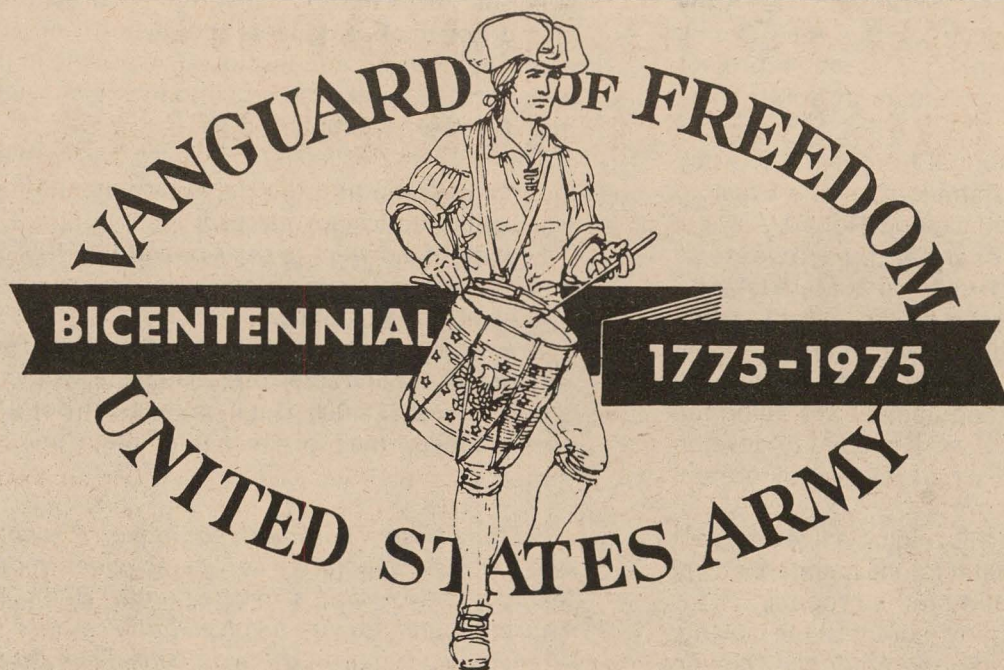
Members of the 16th Base Post Office deliver packages in the Presidio housing area. Eleven people from the postal unit assisted civilian postal workers last month in handling the heavy load of Christmas parcels. From Dec. 2 to Jan. 2 they worked six days a week picking up packages at the main post office and delivering them in trucks to the post housing area.

Pictured here are: (clockwise from in the truck left) Private Wesley Mitchell, Specialist 4 Marion Ralls, Sergeant Tommy Harris and Private Ricky Frank. The detail was headed by Specialist 5 Dock Warren.

Presidio computer command gets computer

After more than five years of waiting, Christmas came to the U.S. Army Computer Systems Command Support Group at the Presidio. The computer unit, activated at the Presidio on July 1, 1969 has never had its own computer but has had to use other computers including rental computers.

Last month the unit received its own mobile IBM 360/40 computer. The mobile tactical type equipment consists of two vans with the computer in one van and other equipment in the other van.



Army Chooses Logo For 200th Birthday

WASHINGTON (ANF)—An official Army Bicentennial logotype has been selected for use during the Bicentennial period commencing June 14, 1975. The logotype calls attention to the fact that the Army is celebrating its 200th anniversary along with that of the nation. It also provides a highly visible means of identifying projects, displays, exhibits, printed materials and other activities undertaken to highlight Army contributions to the nation's heritage.

The logotype can be used by both active and reserve Army. It may be reproduced in various sizes on displays, printed on Bicentennial publications, used in Army publications, used in Army publication mastheads, printed on decals, used on banners and signs, made into slides and film strips, reproduced on memento items, and incorporated in exhibit designs.

The logo was designed by Mr. Alfred L. Howes of the U.S. Army Command Information Unit, Washington, D.C.

News Notes

WIVES CLUB LUNCHEON

The Presidio Wives Club will host the January luncheon for the Letterman Women's Club on January 9 at the Presidio Officers Club (sherry at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon). Joseph Neri of the Bar Association of San Francisco will discuss the topic "What Every Woman Should Know About Family Finances." He will also conduct a question and answer session covering such topics as wills and the legal rights of women. Reservations should be made by Jan. 7. In San Francisco, call Mrs. Carol Shroyer 387-5215 or Mrs. Candy Cole 561-2432. In Marin, call Mrs. Polly Shaw at 456-0235.

COMMISSARY CLOSED

The Presidio Commissary will be closed January 7 for inventory.

REGISTRATION AND PARKING FOR TRAILERS, BOATS, ECT.

All specialized equipment (motor and mobile homes, trailer coach and trailers, boats and campers) must be registered within 72 hours after arrival at the Presidio or its subposts and re-registered annually. All such equipment will be parked only in the Battery Caulfield parking area except for necessary loading or unloading at family quarters. Campers will be parked at the battery when not mounted on a vehicle or when the vehicle is not used for primary transportation. Motor homes not being used for primary transportation will also be parked there. Parking spaces are now available at the battery. Specialized equipment is registered and parking spaces assigned at the Vehicle Registration Section of the Provost Marshal's Office (Bld. 204) Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. except holidays.

CIVIL SERVICE POSTAL EXAM COURSE

With the current job situation, job training and preparation is more critical than ever. In response to this situation, the Post Education Center has added a new course to its already varied list of offerings for 1975 — Civil Service Postal Exam Preparation. This new course which begins 14 January is a six week tutorial program covering math, English and the test taking skills needed to qualify for jobs with the post office. According to Barbara Mondo, Education Services Specialist, this class is open to all military personnel, retirees and dependents. Enrollment is limited to 24 students.

Other classes offered by the Education Center include: high school and Army classification battery prep, Reading Comprehension and Speed Reading, English for the Foreign Born, Shorthand and Typing.

For further information about the Postal Exam Preparation course and a complete schedule of course offerings, call 2974 or 3693; or visit the Education Center, Bldg 1216, Ft Scott or Bldg 1007, LAMC.

ACTION LINE

Q. What has happened to the Army Suggestion Program? I've been assigned here since May 1974. I've also sent in three different suggestions; one by phone and two were written. As to this day, I have not received an acknowledgement on any of them. The last suggestion was submitted at least 30 days ago. One of my suggestions was giving recognition to the civilians, by name, having 500 hours, 1,000 hours, 1,500 hours and 2,000 hours of sick leave accumulated. Another: Why doesn't the Star Presidian run a box score on the Suggestion Program (number received, processed, accepted and rejected)? Henry J. Lex, DCSLOG-6th Army

A. Mr. Lex's question was answered by Mr. Roy L. Benham, civilian personnel officer: Two suggestions were received from Mr. Lex and acknowledged on Oct. 18, 1974. On the same date, they were forwarded to the office of primary interest for evaluation. There is no record of the suggestion pertaining to recognition of civilians who have accumulated 500-2,000 hours sick leave. Suggestions must be submitted in writing on DA Form 1045 in order to be processed. The idea of recognizing those civilians who have accumulated large amounts of sick leave has been suggested many times in the past. Most commanding officers do not establish a formal program for such recognition, because other employees who have used sick leave for legitimate reasons complain that the management is rewarding employees who were fortunate for not

getting sick or having an accident. Concerning the other suggestion, action is being taken to publish a quarterly Awards Bulletin, listing all suggestions and performance awards approved during each quarter.

Q. How can the Presidio PX Annex get away with charging 75¢ per dozen for eggs when the price ranges between 68 and 70¢ at various Bay Area commercial stores?

Sp5 Sam Baker, Presidio Information Office

A. Specialist Baker's question was answered by Mr. S.D. Bowen, deputy commander of the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities(DPCA): Examination of Specialist Baker's query by the exchange manager revealed the present cost of eggs to the AAFES (Army and Air Force Exchange Service) is \$0.67 and sell for \$0.75 per dozen. It is quite possible that the price range at various Bay Area commercial stores is \$0.68 - \$0.70. Often, commercial stores select certain items and mark them down to near or below cost to use them as a "loss leader" to lure customers into the store hoping that patrons will buy other items at a normal markup. AAFES, under the new Customer Bonus Program, is authorized to select certain items and mark them down as a customer bonus. Eggs were recently featured at the Exchange Annex for \$0.68 for large grade AA under this new program.

CAR POOL IT

Lillian Williams, 1203 McEwing Ct., Concord. Telephone 687-9918 (home) or 561-3274 (work). Destination is Finance and Accounting (Bld. 102). Will drive in Car pool.

Zorah Christian, 3415 Ohio Avenue, Richmond, telephone (work) 4445. (home) 237-4474. Destination: PSFC, Ft. Scott. Needs a ride or can drive in car pool.

Alice Henry, 382 Adams #109, Oakland, telephone (work) 2808. Needs a ride.

George W. Cline, #9 Ewart Dale, Lafayette (at BART Station) telephone (work) 3211 (home) 284-1631. Destination: DFAE. Will drive in a car pool.

Josephine La Rose, 410 28th Street, Oakland, telephone (work) 5889 (home) 835-3588. Destination: Bldg 102, PSF. Needs a ride Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 4:15 schedule.

Virginia Cook, 211 Douglas Street, Petaluma, telephone (work) 2040/3452. Home (763-4259). Destination: Bldg 912, PSF. Needs a ride or can drive in a car pool.

Betty J. Anderson, 2025 Shady Lane, Novato, telephone (work) 2877/2385 (home) 897-3874. Destination: Letterman AMC. Needs a ride.

Bernice Williams, 38 Oaklawn Drive, Westlake, Daly City, telephone (home) 756-7682 (work) 561-2108. Destination: Bldg 603, Audio-Visual. Needs a ride and can occasionally drive in car pool.

Don Plaskett, Sonoma, telephone (work) 5114. Destination: Bldg 39, PSF. Needs ride or can participate in car pool everyday for day shift.

Ron Bommel 174 McClellan Avenue, San Mateo, telephone (home) 345-0237 (work) 5214. Destination: Bldg 102, PSF. Needs a ride everyday for the 7:30 to 4:15 schedule.

F. Terry, 436 Donner Avenue, Petaluma, telephone (home) 707-763-5497 (work) 5219. Destination: Presidio Officers' Club, Bldg 50. Will drive in a car pool.

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What happens if you're in the Army and your husband is a Marine?...

It isn't easy for a military husband and wife to remain together all the time. The problem can be compounded if they are both members of the same service. But what happens when one is a Marine and the other is in the Army?

Doug and Edith Lyvere can tell you it's a real problem. For them, it involved repeated moves, volumes of paperwork and lots of phone calls to area commanders and Washington, D.C.

The Lyveres have been married two years. Edith is an Army specialist assigned to the Finance Office here. Doug, a Marine staff sergeant, is a recruitment advertising chief at Treasure Island.

"The Marines don't cater very much to the assignment needs of mixed-service couples," explained the 6-foot-3 man who sports a typical Marine style haircut (short all over). He looks like he could easily play linebacker for the San Francisco 49ers.

"All they are concerned with is where I am going. I had no control over where they sent me, but I could help with Edith's assignments," he added.

Before finally making a permanent home with her husband in Navato, Edith was assigned to Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; Ft. Meade, Md.; Oakland; Sacramento; Ft. Lewis, Wash. and finally to the Presidio.

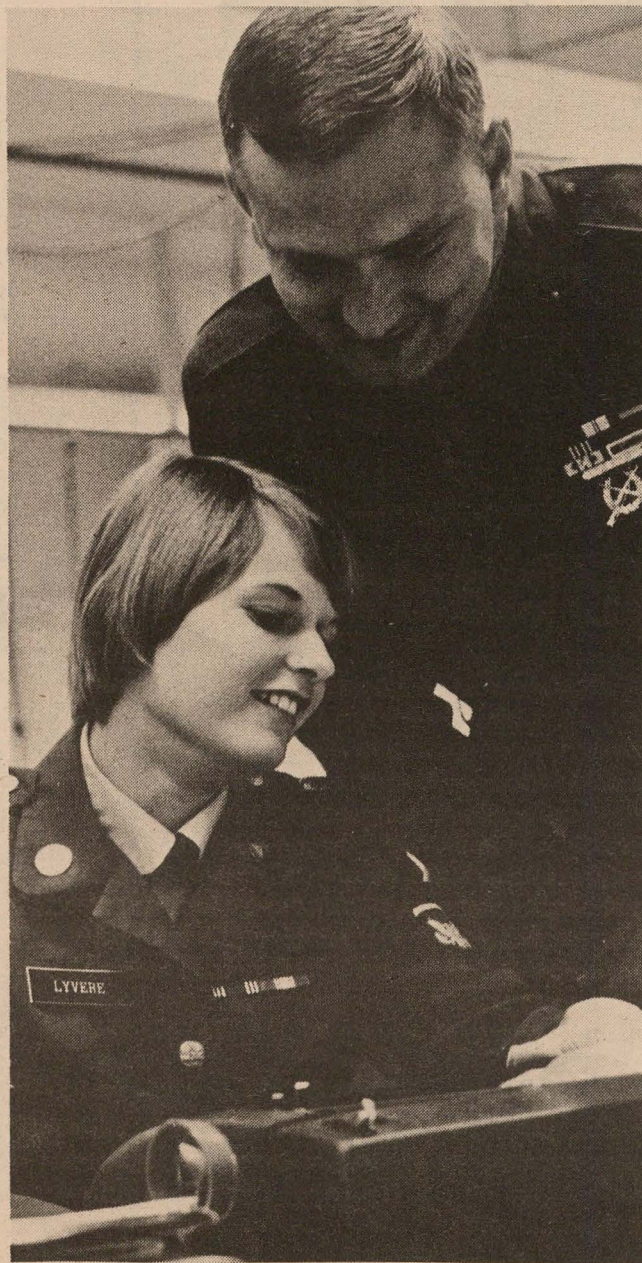
"We met in May 1972 at Ft. Harrison while we were both going to school," said Edith, a pretty, 5-foot blonde who wears her hair in a pixie-cut. "We didn't want a long engagement so we were married in July in Reno, Nev., after we both completed our respective schooling."

"Doug's being assigned on one coast and me on the other wasn't exactly an auspicious way to get a marriage started, so we got going right away on a reassignment for me," said Edith smiling.

While Edith was busy submitting paperwork from her side of the United States, Doug was busy on the phone making calls to the Army Personnel Office in Washington, D.C. to make their plight known in the proper channels.

After a two month effort, she got her transfer. However, it wasn't to a Sacramento unit but to the Oakland Armed Forces Entrance and Examination Station 96 miles away.

"Doug got a government-leased apartment in Sacramento, and we were able to live relatively like husband and wife," explained Edith. "But it



Edith and Doug Lyvere

meant my having to commute back and forth to my job in Oakland, and the 192-mile round trip every day just got to be too much. I began staying at the YWCA during the week and coming home only for the weekends."

She brought her commuting problem to the attention of her commanding officer and asked if there was any possible way she could be assigned to an Army unit in the Sacramento area.

Since Edith was working as an examination tester, and not in her finance military occupational skill, her CO found her a place on the mobile examinations tester team in Sacramento. Five long months of commuting had temporarily come to an end.

"We finally thought we had it made," said Doug. "But the Marines must have thought it was time for me to move. For seven months after Edith got assigned to Sacramento, I had orders to report to my present job on Treasure Island."

With her husband at a new location, Edith was again plagued with a long commute. To add further burdens, the lease ran out on their government apartment, forcing Edith to move into a hotel. Doug, in the meantime, got government housing in Navato.

"Since I was close to Edith's commander in Oakland, I went to him personally and explained the new situation," said Doug. "Her CO was very understanding, and after more submissions of paperwork and some strategic phone calls, she was placed on a MET (mobile examinations tester) team that covered the Oakland vicinity."

Again things looked rosy for the Lyveres. But when Edith reenlisted in June of this year, the Army thought that Ft. Lewis, Wash. was the place she ought to be.

With all fingers on the panic button, Edith and Doug quickly got the paperwork going again. Successfully, they got her assignment changed to the Presidio with no more moves anticipated — at least in the near future.

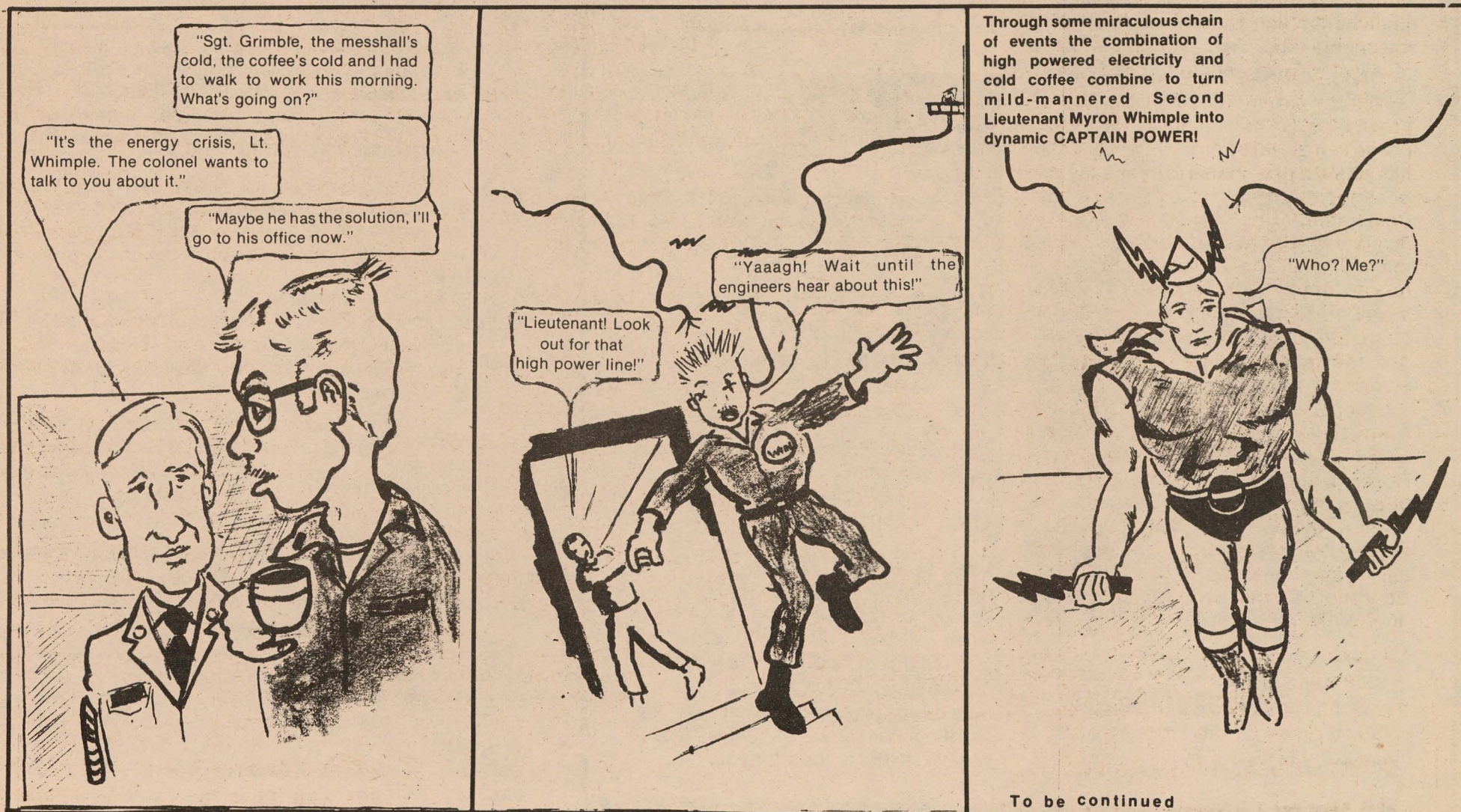
The Lyveres have no animosities toward their respective services over the troubles that always arise when either is transferred. "Our services didn't ask us to get married," said Doug philosophically. "It was our decision, and when our next relocation problem comes up, well, there's always paperwork, phone calls and compassionate COs to keep us together."

...You move a lot

By SSG C.D. Steen

The Adventures of CAPTAIN POWER

By SSG Jim Rodgers



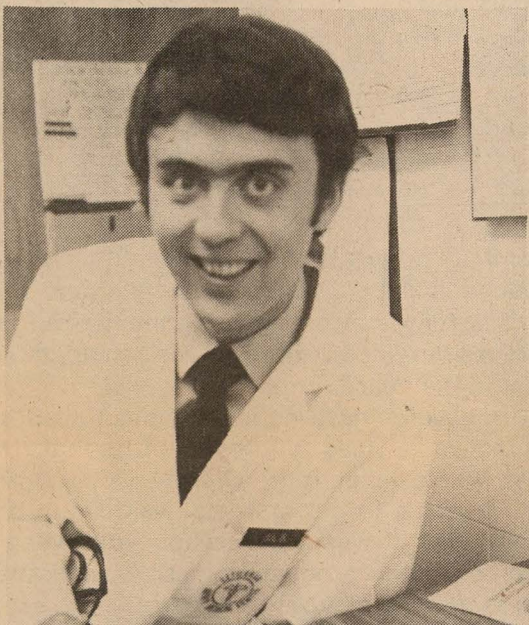
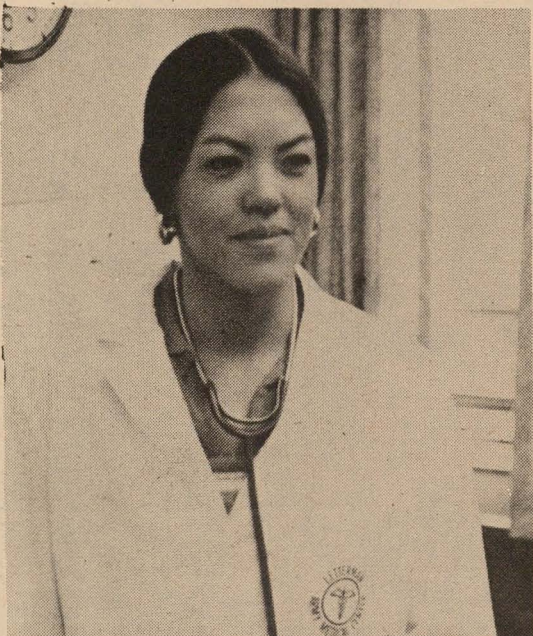
Ramblin' Sam



"How can the Presidio conserve energy?"

DR. S. EATON

"To conserve electrical energy, the clinic and office lights could be turned off while the respective departments are closed."



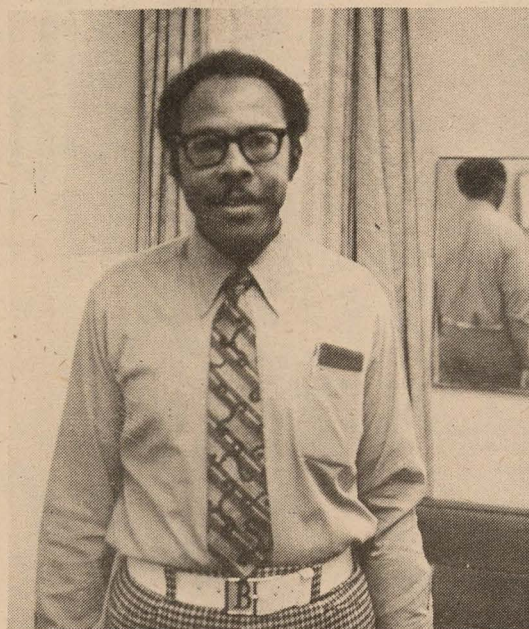
CAPT. RONALD JULIS

"Two of the most practical ways the Presidio can conserve energy would be: 1. Mass transportation and better development of that. Probably greater than 60 per cent of the people who live and work on post could use buses and other transportation devices. Another reasonable approach would be the conservation of energy used for lighting."



SP5 DELORIS RINGO

"I think the Presidio can conserve energy by returning to daylight savings time, shorter hours, shorter work weeks like Monday through Thursday or from Tuesday through Friday."



ALEX BOWIE

"I think that you could conserve energy by going on a four-day work week, 10 hours per day."



MRS. GLADYS B. FRIZZELL

"One way you can conserve some energy is to lower your thermostat when you open the windows so that the furnace doesn't stay on. Put the lights out when you leave a room. Turn the outside light out when you get up in the morning. Use the car only when necessary. Walking is good for you."

All-Army basketball camp starts here

Twenty-five of the Army's top basketball players begin workouts here today (Jan. 6) in the all-Army basketball training camp.

Twelve men will be selected from that 25 to represent the Army in the Inter service Basketball Championships at Twenty-nine Palms, Calif. this March.

It is the fifteenth consecutive year the training camp has been held at the Presidio. Presidio Athletic Director Hal Fischer has coached the Army team each of those years.

"This will be the weakest team we have ever had," said Fischer who contends that the top basketball players left the Army when the draft ended. "We lack experience and shooting talent

SPORTS

but we have a big front line. We'll muscle our way to the championship."

The players began arriving late last month and will stay in quarters behind the post exchange (the old WAC barracks) during the two-month session. Their typical day will begin with a blackboard session at 9:45 a.m. and include seven hours of gym practice seven days a week. In addition, the Department of the Army requires them to have two hours of mission oriented work each day.

Training rules are enforced for the duration of the camp. These start with a curfew and move on to the required use of daily vitamins.

In February, the squad will play games against some of the top amateur (non-collegiate) teams in the nation and teams from the Western League whose rosters include many pro players such as Willie Wise, formerly of the Utah Stars.

Most of the contests will be played in places other than the Presidio, such as the University of San Francisco, to prevent the players from becoming accustomed to one court. All workouts and games are open to the public.

Those who do make the team can look beyond the interservice meet for top-level play. An interservice all star team (the winning team augmented by a few players from the other squads) will participate in the National AAU Championships in March.

It will then go to Springfield, Mass. for the United States Amateur Basketball Association playoffs in April and on to the CISM (military olympic) finals in Greece this June. Additionally, the State Department has asked the team to set up a two-week youth clinic in Jordan.

Army has won most of the interservice meets since the late 1950s. Last year they finished fifth in the AAU competition.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL (Dec. 30)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
Letterman #1	6	0
402nd MP Company	6	1
Garrison	5	3
HHD 504th MP Battalion	4	2
LAIR	3	4
Public Health	1	5
Support Element	0	4
170th MP Company	0	6

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Letterman #2	5	0
Western Recruiting	5	0
666th Radar Squadron	4	2
District Engineers	4	3
51st Engineers	2	4
864th Engineers	1	6
16th Base Post Office	0	6

YOUTH BASKETBALL (Dec. 30)

Major League (13-16 years)	Won	Lost	Minor League (9-12 years)	Won	Lost
Spurs	4	1	Bullets	4	1
Warriors	4	1	Knicks	3	1
Celtics	3	2	Sonics	2	3
Jazz	1	3	76'ers	2	4
Pistons	0	5	Trailblazers	1	4

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Post marks Martin Luther King Day

By Lt. Ted W. Hoffman and Lt. Doan I Lusk,
Presidio Human Relations Office

The annual commemoration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is of special significance to a considerable number of Army personnel. At the Presidio, a three-day calendar of activities has been scheduled.

On Monday Jan. 13 and on Tuesday Jan. 14, tapes of Dr. King's most memorable speeches will be played from noon until 1 p.m. at the Post Chapel. On Dr. King's birthday, Wednesday Jan. 15, a memorial walk will take place, starting in front of the Recreation Center (Bldg. 135) at 2 p.m. and proceed to the Post Chapel for memorial services. All interested military and civilian personnel will be excused from duty for attendance.

Dr. King was born in Atlanta in 1929. Raised there as the son of a minister, Dr. King entered Morehouse College intending to study medicine. His questioning, challenging mind led him to a degree in sociology and the decision that the ministry would be the medium through which he should dedicate his life to working with people.

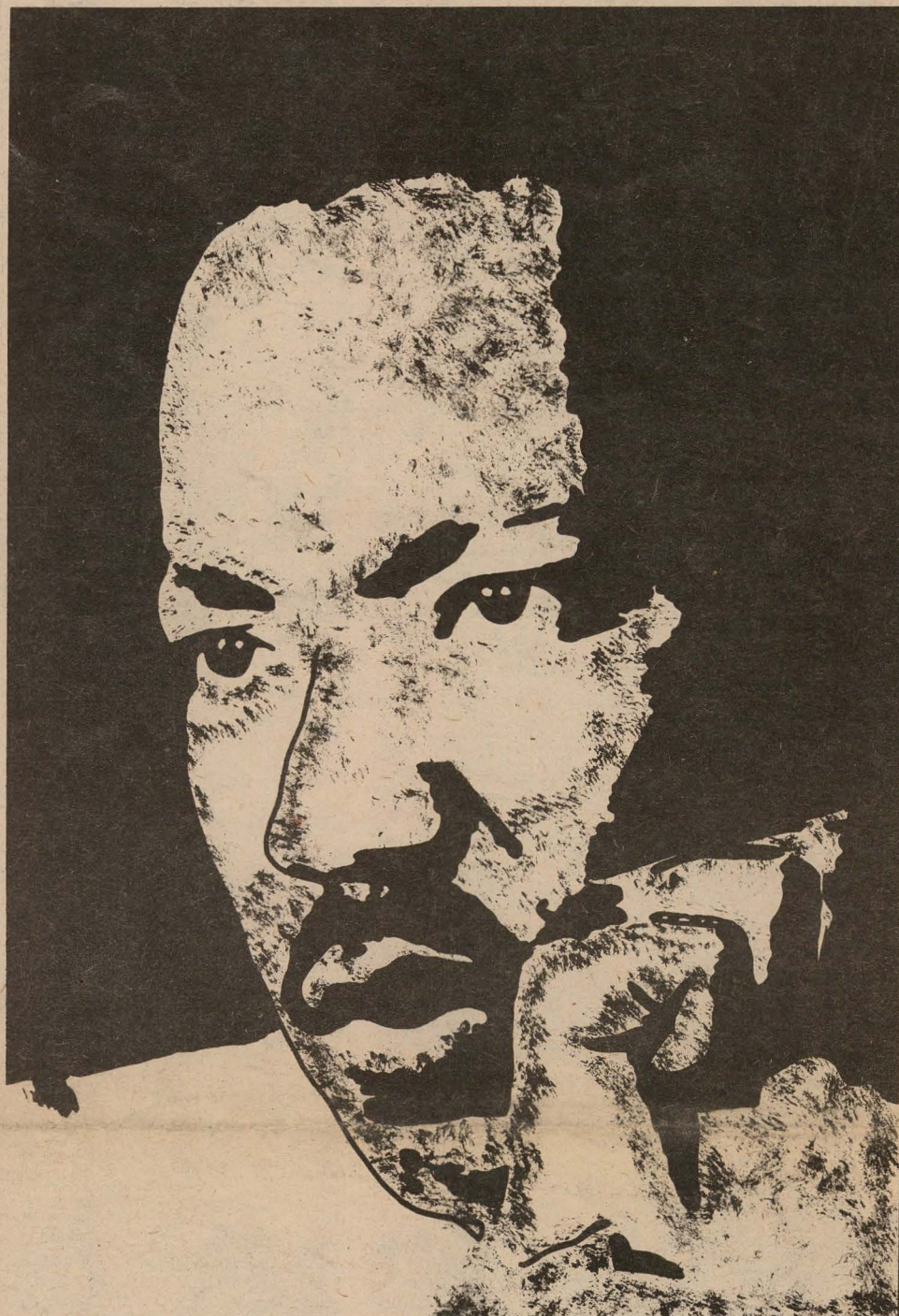
He attended Crozer Theological Seminary in Chester, Pa. graduating class valedictorian. Next, he studied at Boston University and took parallel courses in philosophy at Harvard. After receiving his Ph.D., Dr. King began his ministry in 1954 at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

Dr. King was a strong organizing force in his community and in 1956 led a boycott of public buses to protest racial segregation. After a year of economic pressure and court actions, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation on intrastate and interstate transportation was unlawful.

Dr. King then organized the Southern Christian Leadership Council, giving him a wider base of operations. He played a major part in the 1963 Civil Rights March on Washington. Throughout the early Sixties, he strongly supported anti-discrimination and voter registration drives, particularly in Albany, Ga. and Birmingham and Selma, Ala.

He received the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize for his ability to change oppressive situations by combining positive action and understanding.

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Presidio News Notes

The San Francisco Animal Welfare Association is conducting a special program to acquaint Presidio personnel with the availability of low cost veterinary services designed to prevent the needless Euthanasia of unwanted pets.

A meeting will be held tomorrow (Jan. 14) at 7p.m. in the Presidio Recreation Center. Association veterinarians and volunteers will conduct the meeting. Dr. Roger Clemmons, of the St. Francis Clinic, will be guest speaker and present a half-hour film entitled "Pet Population Bomb."

All Presidio personnel, military and civilians, are invited to attend.

Join with friends and neighbors (children are especially welcome) in taking advantage of this opportunity to become acquainted with the services available to you.

Refreshments, provided by the NCO Wives

Club, will be served.

PX SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

During this period of increasing prices, the Presidio Post Exchange will conduct a semi-annual clearance sale Jan. 13-18. Marked down items will be clearly identified with "X" tags. The following colors of "X" will denote the markdown percentage: yellow 20%, blue 30% and red 40%. This will be an X-rated tag sale with X-tra benefits for everyone.

E-9 BOARD DELAYED

WASHINGTON (ANF)— The E-9 promotion selection board scheduled to meet on Jan. 14 has been postponed until March 19 by the Department of the Army. The delay will allow soldiers eligible for promotion to E-9 an oppor-

tunity to personally review their official military personnel file (OMPF) for completeness and accuracy. Records will be available at various installations within CONUS and overseas early this month.

ENLISTED WIVES CLUB JANUARY EVENTS

The Presidio Enlisted Wives Club will hold its installation dinner dance and ceremony Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Log Cabin. Baby sitting service will be provided for members free of charge. For reservations call Nellie Gevry 561-4489 or Alice Lindsay 387-4020. The club social will be held Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Presidio Religious Center. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Victoria Station will be the site of the Jan. 21 Wives Club luncheon. Baby sitting services will be provided. For reservations call Ruth Lamirande 561-3225. Membership in the Presidio Enlisted Wives Club is open to wives of all enlisted men. Meet your Presidio neighbors and join in the activities.

"RUNNING CHEF" ON THE WAY

Effective Jan. 8, the Presidio Exchange began providing a mobile lunch wagon (Running Chef) to the 600-900 area of the Presidio weekdays between 10 p.m. and 1 p.m. The service includes hot and cold sandwiches, soft drinks and assorted snack items.

EXPECTANT PARENT COURSE

An expectant parent course will be given in a series of six classes starting Jan. 13 and ending Feb. 17. The classes will be given in Torney Hall (Room 100) at Letterman Army Medical Center from 7-9 p.m. Each class session covers topics such as prenatal care, labor and delivery, and care of the mother and infant. All expectant parents are invited to attend. Call the community health nurse at 561-2003 or 561-4994 for registration and information.

Emancipation isn't always what it seems to be

By Lt. Ernest Varner

Jan. 1 marked the 112th anniversary of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Many Americans reflect back on this event as a time of great moral significance. Many see it as a time which brought to its end a degrading institution which got its start in Jamestown, Va. over 300 years ago.

Today in American schools we read of the great emancipator President Abraham Lincoln who saw it as his duty to God and his country to relieve the land of this "peculiar institution."

But what of the descendants of those who were to receive this liberation? Why is it that they do not hold this event dear to their hearts? This answer can be found in the conditions which surrounded

the event and ultimately led to the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

This country was in a period of Civil War. Many blacks believe that beyond the history books, it can be found that the Emancipation Proclamation — contrary to popular belief — was not a document drafted with the moral conviction of freeing the slaves but with the "paramount" objective of saving the Union.

President Lincoln made this clear in his response to the abolitionist Horace Greely in the New York Tribune, Aug. 22, 1862:

"My paramount objective is to save the Union, and not to save or destroy slavery. If I

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Ramblin' Sam



"What are your hopes and aspirations for 1975?"

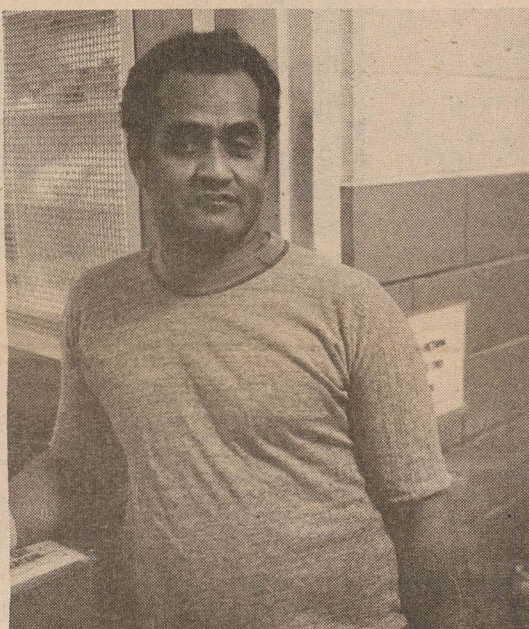
SP5 CHARLES E. JONES

"My hopes and aspirations for '75 are for the world to become a better place to live than what it is now. And that the oppressed become unoppressed and that life is better than what it has been for this period of time. I hope the Army will improve itself and go back to the system of the 'old soldier'."



LT. DOAN I. LUSK (HUMAN RELATIONS OFFICE)

"This year I hope to do the best job possible in working to improve relations among people at the Presidio. I hope that understanding of the pains caused by racism and sexism grow and in the process of growing, allow people to take better care of each other."



TAUAESE TAUAESE, JR.

"I hope that 1975 will bring a better year than 1974. I hope the economy will improve."



SP5 ELEANOR CONRAD

"For the new year I'd like to see a change in the present economy of the United States. I hope inflation will subside and that there will be an easing of the energy crisis."



SSG ELIZABETH MOSHER

"Peace is one of my hopes. I hope we will see a continued lull in the Mideast hostilities and lessened fighting in Vietnam. I am also hoping for an end to the country's economic problems."

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ACTION LINE

The Commander's Action Line is available to help with problems or answer questions. Anyone (troops, families, civilian employees) with a Presidio-related problem that cannot be solved through the chain of command can telephone or write and get action.

Dial the 24-hour phone service: L-I-N-E, or send your questions to:

Action Line

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If only we had the funds

The Command Sergeant Major's Office received the following note concerning last week's Star Presidian article about help given to Napa's American Canyon Project by the 864th Engineers:

"It is indeed disheartening to be told that there are no available resources for recreational facilities within post communities (outdoor basketball courts for teenagers) and later find out that resources are being made available for civilian projects."

Command Sergeant Major S. Beer wishes to point out that the resources made available to this project were manpower and equipment. These resources are also available for Presidio projects. However, money for materials to complete the projects (such as blacktop) is not available.

Emancipation: a different view

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could save the Union without freeing any slaves, I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that. What I do about slavery and the colored race, I do because I believe it helps the Union . . ."

There are those who believe that the armed forces from the North were gallant in their pursuit of freedom for Southern slaves and those slaves who escaped from bondage. This belief comes short of reaching its mark as can be seen in the July 1861 speech delivered to the people of Ohio by a Colonel Pryor:

"I desire to assure you that the relation of master and servant as recognized in your state shall be respected. Your authority over

King —Continued from Page 1

For several months Dr. King lived in a Chicago slum from which he led desegregation marches into all-white neighborhoods. In 1967 he extended his social actions to opposing the war in Vietnam and then began to build an economic coalition of poor white and minority workers which would later lead to the Poor People's March on Washington.

His career ended abruptly on April 4, 1968 when he was shot to death in Memphis by James Earl Ray. The Poor People's March and many of his basic ideas were carried on by others.

While stressing the worth of all individuals and the understanding of all motives, Dr. King constantly pressed for elimination of the conditions which for hundreds of years held the black community virtually helpless. As he wrote in "Letter From a Birmingham Jail": "For years now I have heard the word 'Wait.' It rings in the ears of every Negro with a piercing familiarity. This 'Wait' has always meant 'Never'."

that species of property shall not in the least be interfered with. To this end, I assure you that those under my command have pre-emptory orders to take up and hold any Negroes found running about the camp without passes from their masters."

As time progressed the possibility of easy victory for the Union was soon gone. Victory itself was questionable. Public opinion abroad favored the South as an independant nation.

The possibility of interference by European forces on the side of the Confederacy was pressing. English warships were already being prepared for use by Confederate forces.

The abundance of free slave labor in the South and the use of slaves to pad the Confederate forces added to the list of problems facing the Union. Something had to be done.

"I (President Lincoln) view the matter (slavery) as a practical war measure to be decided upon according to the advantages or disadvantages it may offer to the suppression of the rebellion . . . I admit that slavery is the root of the rebellion . . . I will also concede that emancipation will help us in Europe and convince them that we are incited by something more than ambition . . . Still, some additional strength would be added in that way to the war. And then, unquestionably, it would weaken the rebels by drawing off their labors which is of great importance . . ."

Shortly thereafter, President Lincoln drafted the Emancipation Proclamation which was to go into effect New Year's Day 1863.

President Lincoln's promise to use slavery to whatever extent it benefited the Union — by freeing all, some or none — was reflected in the Proclamation itself. It freed slaves in the states which had seceded from the Union, leaving some

800,000 unaffected.

The facts clearly show the Emancipation Proclamation was a wartime measure intended to insure a Union victory. Blacks feel they owe no allegiance to that end. It is recognized, however, that the document prompted other legislation intended to secure humans rights for black citizens.

Editor's note: This article is run in conjunction with the black history awareness that has become an integral part of marking Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday (Jan. 15) Lt. Varner is a human relations officer at Ft. Carson, Colo. Material for most of this article was drawn from the Dick Gregory book "No More Lies."

ROTC enrollment up - first time in 8 years

WASHINGTON (ANF)—ROTC enlistments last fall increased by more than 18 per cent over that of 1973.

According to TRADOC (Training and Doctrine Command), this figure reflects the first upswing in eight years.

It includes 32,992 male and 6,354 female cadets. The greatest increases were in Military Science I, where 16,214 male and 4,957 female cadets participate.

Another indicator of renewed interest in ROTC shows in the increased attendance at basic camp—a program for students who do not receive the first two years of military science instruction. And, cadet attrition decreased from that of the previous year.

ROTC is the Army's largest source of officers. Seventy-four per cent of newly commissioned line officers hail from the ranks of college cadets. ROTC graduates make up 46 per cent of all active Army officers.

Last week: Struck by a fallen high power line, mild mannered Second Lieutenant Myron Whimple is turned into the dynamic Captain POWER (Prevention of Wasted Energy Resources). We join our hero in the colonel's office.

"Who? Me?"

"Lt, the people of Presidio are depending upon you to help provide an answer to the energy crisis. Get out there and do your thing!"

"This looks like a job for Captain Power!"

Lt. Whimple returns to the supply room of the dining facility

"But, Lieutenant, why are you squeezing that flashlight battery and muttering Energy, Energy!?"

"Get away! I'm turning into Captain Power!"

COOK

WIN

FLOUR

Meanwhile, on the other side of the Presidio, Captain Power's arch-enemies, Wanda and Wilbur Wasteful are hard at work.

"Wilbur, turn that thermostat up! How can we have gracious living when it's only 80 degrees in here?"

"Burp! Gotta buy more gas, first, Wanda, I'm only driving at 80 miles an hour now but that station wagon still burns a lot of gas. It's been warming up for half an hour. Maybe that will help. Sure wish someone would do something about this energy shortage."

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HEAT

The Adventures of CAPTAIN POWER

By SSG Jim Rodgers

'Youth of America-On Stage' to perform here Jan. 18

Youth of America-On Stage, a group of talented young Bay Area performers, will entertain at the Presidio Recreation Center Jan. 18 at 8 p.m.

"Youth of America" is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing young people with the opportunity to pursue their respective talents in the performing arts. The 60 member cast, ranging in age from 14-21, represents some of Northern California's finest young talent.

"They put on a show that defies description," according to the music and theater branch of Presidio Recreation Services. It includes a 30 piece orchestra, a 20 member choral group and a high kicking dance line.

The group is guided by experience. Conductor and arranger Lyle Bardo has conducted and arranged for network radio, many Bohemian Club

productions and the Shipstads and Johnson Ice Follies. Stan and Pat Kahn, stagers and choreographers, were also members of the Ice Follies production staff.

"Youth of America" began in 1959, when two teachers and 125 students opened the door of the first Theater Arts Workshop, in San Leandro. This workshop was a place where literally thousands of California youngsters could develop their talent. From this organization, Youth of America-On Stage was born.

Free tickets for the single Jan. 18 show will be available this week at the Presidio Ticket Information Service from 1-5 p.m. and on the night of performance, if available. Seating is on a first come first serve basis. For further information call 561-5480.

Movie Schedule

PRESIDIO

	Adults \$1.00	Children \$.50	
13 JAN. MON. 1900	CHINATOWN (R)	130 Min.	
	Jack Nicholson	Faye Dunaway	
	John Hillerman	Perry Lopez	
14 JAN. TUE. 1900	WALKING TALL (R) (Reissue)	125 Min.	
	Joe Don Baker	Elizabeth Hartman	
15 JAN. WED. 1900	OPEN SEASON (R)	103 Min.	
	Peter Fonda	William Holden	
16 JAN. THU. 1900	THE DAY OF THE DOLPHIN (PG)	104 Min.	
	George C. Scott	Trish Van Devere (Reissue)	
17 JAN. FRI. 1900	Adults \$1.00	Children \$.50	
18 JAN. SAT. 1800-2000	UPTOWN SATURDAY NIGHT (PG)	104 Min.	
	Bill Cosby	Sidney Pottier	Flip Wilson
SPECIAL MATINEE 1400	PUFFNUT (G)	98 Min.	
SECOND EVENING PERFORMANCE 18 JAN. SAT. 2000	Adults \$1.00	Children \$.50	
19 JAN. SUN. 1800-2000	DEATH WISH (R)	93 Min.	
20 JAN. MON. 1900	Charles Bronson	Hope Lange	William Redfield
	Vincent Gardenia		

Running is a day's work for this Presidio athlete

When George Stewart goes to visit his mother's home in Mill Valley from his job at the Presidio, he doesn't always travel by car or bus. In fact he will tell you he would rather run the nine-mile distance.

He usually does.

Taking a spartan's way of travel is all part of the 25-year-old soldier's job. He is a medium and long distance runner on the United States Army Track and Field Team, and running his way around is all part of his daily training.

Stewart has been on the Army team for the 18 months that he has been in the service. He spends most of his working days, and weekends, training for the upcoming interservice track and field meets, which are scheduled to begin in February. When the 1975 Pan-American Games kick off later in the year in Mexico City, Stewart hopes to be competing there too.

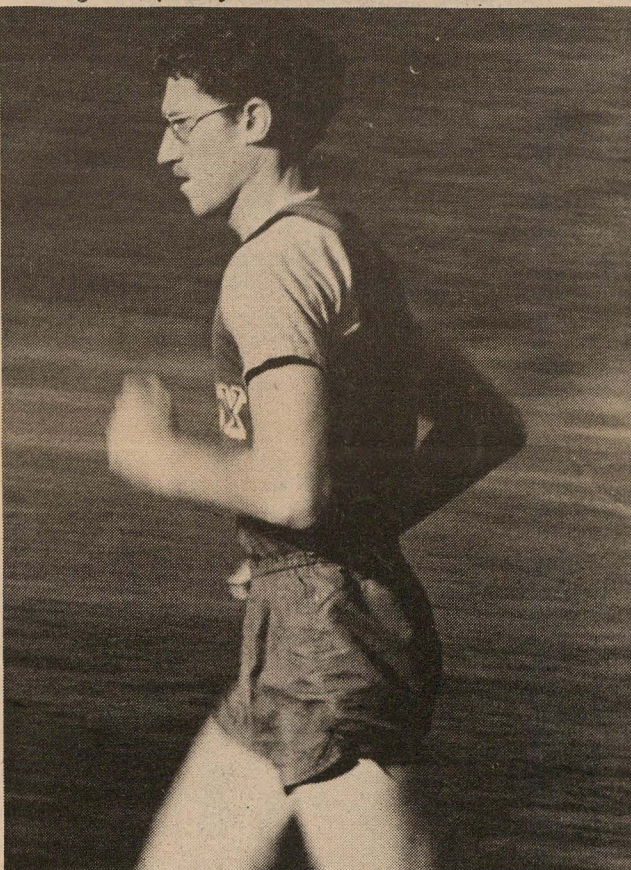
"Though I usually train on a regular track, I prefer to run on pathways," says the Oklahoma State University graduate. "I find running on the numerous paths and bike trails that line the terrain in this area more inspiring and less boring than tracks are. Speed isn't as essential as stamina, and trail running improves my stamina."

The tall, lean Army man, who is assigned to the 504th MP Battalion, specializes in the three-mile, six-mile, and other races up to the 50-mile marathon.

He has been training for the team since August 1973, after coming here straight from basic training. But it wasn't until April of this year that he was finally able to join the Army track and field team at Ft. MacArthur in Los Angeles.

"Before going to Ft. MacArthur I trained for shorter races such as the 880 yard dash, and the one and two-mile races," said Stewart. "But shorter races require harder

running and speed, and while practicing at one of these races I tore some tendons and pulled a hamstring muscle. The injuries kept me from training for awhile, and when I returned to practice later, I found I could no longer run the short races well enough to qualify as a team member. But I could



George Stewart

run distance races without difficulty, so I pursued my training in those."

When the soldier joined the Army team at Ft. MacArthur for the interservice meets, he ran his

way into the number one positions for the 15 kilometer through the 50-mile marathon races, a total of eight different races.

Ironically, George Stewart got interested in running competitively during his senior year at Tamalpais High School, just to keep from going to mandatory physical education classes.

He proved quickly he could run by becoming the Marin County Athletic League Champion in the 880-yard dash shortly after joining the team. Later he placed 5th in the Northcoast Meet. Before graduating from high school, he broke the school's 880 record, with a time of 1:57.5.

He fared even better at the College of Marin where he continued his education. He widened his choice of races and proved he was adept in them all.

"With the coaching help from Tony Bailey, I went through 22 consecutive wins in the 880, the mile, and the two-mile races at the junior college level. I broke the college's record for the mile with a time of 4:09.9, and placed third in the state in these races."

Stewart's record at the College of Marin was picked up by many universities throughout the U.S. and many offered scholarships to the aspiring athlete. He chose Oklahoma State University, one of the "Big Eight" teams in which track and field play a major role in the overall sports program. His participation there in individual racing and on relay teams kept Oklahoma among the top three in the U.S.

After graduation in 1972, George Stewart decided to join the Army "just to see what it is like," and to take advantage of the Army's offer to let him join the service's track and field team.

The Army specialist continues to train religiously for the future track and field meets, and possibly for qualification in the 1976 Olympics.

STANDINGS

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL (Jan. 8)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
Letterman #1	7	0
402nd MP Company	7	1
Garrison	5	4
HHD 504th MP Battalion	4	3
LAIR	4	4
Public Health	2	5
170th MP Company	1	7
Support Element	0	6

'Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Western Recruiting	6	0
Letterman #2	5	0
666th Radar Squadron	4	2
Corps of Engineers	5	3
51st Engineers	2	6
16th Base Post Office	1	6
864th Engineers	1	7

YOUTH BASKETBALL (Jan. 8)

Major League (13-16 years)	Won	Lost	Minor League (9-12 years)	Won	Lost
Spurs	5	1	Bullets	5	1
Warriors	4	1	Knicks	4	1
Celtics	4	2	76'ers	2	3
Jazz	1	4	Sonics	2	4
Pistons	0	6	Trailblazers	1	5



DARTS ANYONE? — The 504th MP Battalion's Tom Thorpe smiles at his opponent after hitting his mark on the dart board. Thorpe, a member of

the San Francisco Dart Association, regularly enters dart-throwing contests at the 12 "City" establishments which host dart competitions.

PCS moves limited— ceiling off overseas tours

Strict ceilings have been placed on PCS (permanent change of station) moves, foreign service tour limitations have been removed and voluntary extension requests of overseas tours will be favorably considered whenever possible. The actions mean fewer PCS moves, greater tour stability and moves with little or no travel involved. Most of all, it means that the Army will reduce costs.

This information was released last week by Brig. Gen. J.M. Wroth, Director of Plans, Programs and Budget, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

The actions are being taken to offset inflationary increases of the Army PCS

travel budget for Fiscal Year 1975. The dollar requirement increased \$66.8 million since the budget was submitted to Congress in January 1974. In December, the Army sent a reprogramming request to Congress to cover the inflationary increases but Congress approved only a \$40.5 million addition to the budget, leaving the Army \$26 million short. In addition, the rate of inflation is still increasing and the fiscal year has six months to go.

Other actions included stabilized officer tours of at least 30 months or more unless operational requirements dictate otherwise, PCS moves to service schools

will be made as often as possible in conjunction with completion of overseas or CONUS tours of duty, and CONUS requisitions will be filled by either overseas returnees or training base personnel whenever possible.

An Army committee will study the PCS problem and attempt to find additional economy measures. The budget may necessitate much more severe action than already taken. It is possible that some types of PCS may be stopped or slowed by involuntary extensions but Brig. Gen. Wroth stated that would be the last resort.

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Presidio to host prayer breakfast

The Presidio Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Presidio Officers' Open Mess at 7 a.m. on Thursday, January 30.

Each year since 1952 a Prayer Breakfast has been held in Washington, D. C. The idea has spread throughout the country and to military installations all over the world. The purpose of this occasion is to bring together the civilian and military leadership of the United States in a renewed recognition of the moral and spiritual values upon which our nation is founded.

The program this year will include taped messages from the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Army. Colonel Joel L. Roth of Letterman Army Medical Center will address the gathering.

Duty uniform or other duty attire is appropriate.

Call 561-5591 to make your reservation on or before 28 January. The charge for the breakfast will be \$1.75 per person.

When making reservations, all officers are requested to give their name and club card number. Senior non-commissioned officers are requested to give their name and pay at the door. Enlisted personnel, E-5 and below, are requested to give their name, and they will receive a complimentary ticket as long as the supply lasts. DA Civilian employees are requested to call, give their name and club card number, if not paying at the door.

Callaway asks for candor and concern

Army Secretary Howard "Bo" Callaway said in a filmed briefing shown here last week that the Army should be candid, bend regulations where appropriate and live up to its commitments.

Callaway, shown addressing a group of Washington, D.C. action officers at the Pentagon last Aug. 22, said the Army was making "enormous" progress with both Congress and the American public.

During a question and answer period, the Army secretary said full baggage and travel entitlements for the first term soldier are necessary to get him to reenlist.

Much of the 28-minute film was devoted to the secretary's "Glad you asked" policy. The policy suggests handling problems in such a manner that soldiers can respond "glad you asked" when questioned by outsiders. According to Callaway, this rule of thumb will create both candor and pride in what the Army is doing.

"There is still a tendency when someone questions the Army to tighten up and to be closed instead of admitting past mistakes," said Callaway. He said the old adage about not hanging the Army's dirty linen out to dry applies no longer.

On Army regulations, the former Georgia governor said he expects action officers at every

level to "bend the regulations to fit the situation" when it is in the best interest of the Army.

He said this is particularly important when dealing with individuals and gave examples of exceptions to the rules he had granted. One dealt with a man who was barred from reenlisting because he had gone AWOL during his prior service. Callaway pointed to the individual's otherwise perfect record and said he granted a waiver to the rule.

Callaway said such exceptions help both the Army and the individual and added, "Whether or not the Army looks after its people is what the Army is all about today. If you don't treat him (the individual soldier) as an individual, then the Army falls apart."

The secretary said full travel and baggage entitlements for the first term soldier is an important factor in making the new soldier feel he is part of the Army. Callaway said forcing a soldier stationed overseas to leave his wife in the States or pay her way abroad were both "unacceptable alternatives."

Callaway's proposal for full entitlements for all soldiers had been stopped earlier in 1974 by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The Callaway film will be shown again at the post theater Jan. 21.

Brathwaite selected as Soldier of Month

PFC MELVIN A. BRATHWAITE, the first Soldier of the Month for 1975, has two jobs to contend with at 16th Base Post Office (BPO) where he is assigned.

Besides being the unit mail clerk, which consists of handling bundles of letters, packages and other postal paraphernalia, and keeping up with all the filing that goes along with the job, the 19-year-old native of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, is also the unit's Human Relations specialist.

As the 16th BPO Human Relations specialist, Brathwaite deals with personal problems that may be brought directly to his attention by an individual, or at the unit level as a whole. He became the Human Relations representative not long after he arrived here from Ft. Jackson, S.C. where he completed his AIT as a clerk typist. The tall, slim soldier was selected by his commander for demonstrating leadership qualities and, most important, the way he could talk and relate to people.



PFC Melvin A. Brathwaite

BLOOD

To become a self-made hero make arrangements through your unit's blood-drive representative to be at the Recreation Center, Bldg 135, on January 23, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, which Letterman Hospital depends solely for its blood, will have a mobile unit at the Recreation Center to register donors.

The last blood-drive held September 26, had outstanding results, with 170 accepted donors. In order to surpass this total, the support of the entire Presidio community is needed. Your continuing emphasis on this program is deeply appreciated.

If for some reason you can't get to your unit representative, contact either 2nd Lt. Lindsay Boring at 4324, or Mrs. Ellsworth at 4516/4096.

What's wrong with your EER ?

Many career soldiers were disappointed when their names did not appear on recent promotion lists. Some of them did not meet qualifications for promotion. Others, however, may have been passed over because of administrative errors.

Self-Inflicted Wounds

The simple fact is that careers of too many soldiers suffer from self-inflicted wounds. Carelessness, indifference, apathy, don't-give-a-damn — by whatever name — soldiers neglect the opportunity to support sound career management.

For example, one out of every four EERs arriving at the Enlisted Evaluation Center contains errors the soldier could have corrected or prevented.

- Wrong or missing social security number.
- Wrong or missing inclusive dates.
- Missing rank and or signatures of raters and reviewers.
- Reports beginning later than the month following the closing month of the last report.
- Reports that fail to meet minimum rating period requirements.
- Failure of the rated soldier to sign for his or her copy of the EER.

Management Is A Two-Way Street

A month doesn't pass without DA telling commanders to tighten the screws on administrative accuracy. Quality is improving; fewer errors are falling through the crack. EER preparation mistakes have declined 15 per cent but that's not enough. The soldier is a member of a team and the team needs the best efforts of every player. Good management is a two-way street. It's like your checking account. The bank sends you a monthly statement and asks you to doublecheck its accuracy. They recognize the possibility of an error; it is your money.

The same rationale applies to helping personnel when EER time rolls around. You've worked hard for six O's and an ace. Why not follow through? After all, it's your career.

You look to see what the rater said about you — why not check for the rank and

signature of your rater and reviewer? The same alertness applies to reporting requirements and periods.

Types of Reports

Three situations govern the submission of an EER. First, the regular report. Annual closing dates and grades are:

- August 31 for E-4s and below
- November 30 - E-5s
- January - E-6
- March - E-7
- May 31 - E-8/9

Regs requires a regular report be prepared and submitted to both the soldier and the Enlisted Evaluation Center not later than one month following the closing period. For example, most E-5s receive report cards in December for their regular rating period of Dec 1 73 to Nov 30 74. (Note: Regular EERs are not submitted on soldiers who are hospitalized, attending schools, or ineligible because of a recent change of raters.)

The second situation is called CR for change of rater. If you are E-6 or below and your supervisor leaves, he or she has to submit an EER on you if you worked for him or her 60 or more days. If you're E-7 or above, a change of rater report is submitted after 90 days.

The third type is a special EER. It is submitted when the rater observes performance so outstanding — or so poor — as to warrant the special report. It must cover a period of not less than 30 days. The narrative portion has really got to back up the special report submission.

Delay Brings Smoke

Since July 1970 the EER has been a permanent part of the OMPF and influences eligibility for schools, promotion, assignment and continued active duty.

When the new EER contains earlier described errors or the old EER is more than 15 months old, the MOS evaluation score cannot be computed. To insure that EERs do not exceed 15 months vintage, the Enlisted Evaluation Center notifies field commanders of the soldier — by name — who require an EER. This kind of smoke gets results — the hard way. The solution is easy.



If you don't see your EER within a few weeks of the regular closing date, check it out. Your professional interest could prevent an oversight, could help you and others in your grade. And, before you put your John or Jane Hancock on your EER, check your SSN for accuracy. Are the reporting dates accurate? Did the rater and reviewer sign it? Are their ranks indicated?

The EER is your professional report card. Do you care enough to prevent self-inflicted wounds to your career?

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William Redfield

21 JAN. TUE. Adults \$ 75 Children \$ 35
1900 McQ (PG) (Reissue) 111 Min.
John Wayne Eddie Albert

22 JAN. WED. Adults \$ 75 Children \$ 35
1900 THE TAMARIND SEED (PG) 123 Min.
23 JAN. THU. Julie Andrews Omar Sharif Anthony Quayle

24 JAN. FRI. Cartoon
1900 THE HOUSE ON SKULL MOUNTAIN (PG) 92 Min.
Victor French Janee Michelle

25 JAN. SAT. Adults \$ 75 Children \$ 35
1800 SUPERDAD (G) (Reissue) 95 Min.
Bob Crane Barbara Rush

SPECIAL MATINEE ALSO

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25 JAN. SAT. Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50
2000 AIRPORT 1975 (PG) 107 Min.
Charlton Heston Karen Black

DEATH WISH (R) What do you do when a mugger beats up your wife and family? Charles Bronson is so savaged by this event, he goes out into the night and becomes judge, jury and executioner. Violence and language may offend.

McQ (PG) In the role of a busted cop, Wayne is hell bent on avenging the death of his murdered partner. His gun is unlicensed, his methods unlawful and his story is incredible. Violence and language may not be suitable for the pre-teenager.

THE TAMARIND SEED (PG) Julie Andrews and Omar Sharif, both undercover agents, get involved in a romance and international intrigue while vacationing on the Barbados. As they are worlds apart their love is doomed. Violence, language and treatment of situations may offend.

THE HOUSE ON SKULL MOUNTAIN (PG) Set in an eerie old mansion, this film follows the diabolical events that follow when a dying voodoo priestess summons the four remaining members of her family to her deathbed. Violence, language and treatment of situations may offend.

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The real way to fill out an EER

Much has been said about the importance of EERs. Little has been said about how to write them.

Check the regs and you'll learn the general thrust of the pub is aimed at mechanical accuracy. Except for a few brief paragraphs on the EER's backside, the instructions stress making the right marks in the right boxes. The perspective of how the rater should approach the report is missing. This insight is important. After all, the EER is more than a rating. It is a prescription for improvement. It demands careful preparation.

If you're the kind of pro you though you are, you already have a ballpark idea of where the rating will fall. The question is exactly where, so let's use this semi-gray area as a point of departure.

Ingredients Are Important

Before you consider the pencil-entry columns, ask yourself some questions:

- — Why does this soldier deserve the rating I have in mind?
- — Is he flexible? How does he or she help the team adjust to change?
- — What words describe this soldier's attitude toward himself or herself? his duty? our mission? the Army?
- — How does this soldier make his or her experience and leadership felt?
- — How does this soldier show responsibility?
- — What makes this soldier stand out — good or bad — among his or her peers?

The answers to these questions serve two purposes. First, you have a profile of the

soldier. It tells you where he or she falls in the pencil-entry columns. Second, you have the key thoughts necessary to express accurately your views in the comment section of the report.

Take Seriously

Some raters have the idea that the comment section has to read like a recommendation for an award. Others try for big words. Some examples:

"In my 24 years in the Army and combat in two wars, this EM has demonstrated all the traits of superior leadership."

Who's the rater trying to impress? It sure won't hack it before a promotion board.

"Sgt. Doe is an extraordinarily astute, sensitive soldier who perceives the subtle nuances of leadership."

Words that fill up the comment block and do nothing for the soldier's future or self-improvement.

On the other hand, avoid choosing words just to fill the comment block. An officer who did this was described in his OER: "Can express a sentence in two good paragraphs anytime."

Simple Words Digest Easily

The EER comment space (Part II E) measures eight inches wide and 15/16 inches deep so fill it with meaning. Choose words from the answers to your earlier question. Verbs tell what a person does; adjectives describe. Make them work for you. Tell it like it is in simple words. For example, the following will fit easily, using an elite typewriter.

"Smith is best of 5 I supervise. He never get

shook; outstanding under pressure. Demands the best of himself and others. Learns from his mistakes; never gives up. Seeks responsibility; sets the example. Razor-sharp; make a good 1SG. Fights for his men regardless of race. Insists on learning more about his job and mine. A real charger; super potential!" (60 words)

Here's another example based on answers to the earlier questions. Note the comments point out room for improvement. The soldier can use what the rater says.

"Smith is 3d among 5 & charging. Gets the job done. Sets high standards. Sometimes expects too much from new troops. Learns from his mistakes. Accepts responsibility; pushes himself. Has 1SG potential. Needs to work on patience. Sharp and improving. An asset to this unit. Makes honest effort to overcome racial feelings. Gets good grades in college night school." (59 words)

The following example points out weaknesses, reveals strengths, and the rater's attempt to be objective.

"Smith is the only E5 I rate. He can be counted on; solves problems. Learns fast if motivated. Not the sharpest but far from unsat. Gets disgusted with routine; excels with new challenges. Defensive when questioned on judgment. Needs more troop duty before weighing 1SG potential. Appears neutral toward EEO objectives. Quality is here for development."

Some raters take pride in cramming the comment block with meaningful thoughts. They abbreviate words to save space. For example: max for maximum, & for and, arabic numerals for words.

The Adventures of

CAPTAIN POWER

By SSG Jim Rodgers

Last week, Lieutenant Myron Whimple had been given the task of providing an answer for the energy crisis. Turning himself into Captain Power, he now waits outside the home of Wanda and Wilbur Wasteful, hoping to discover the cause of energy shortages.

"Perhaps watching a Presidio family will give me an insight into the problem. After I learn the cause of the problem, I can come up with a solution."

"Wanda, I'm going to drive to the corner for a pack of cigarettes."

"O.K., Willy. Come back and pick me up then and we'll go shopping. I want to buy some of those new-fangled electric curlers."

Unfortunately, two sharp-eyed members of the Military

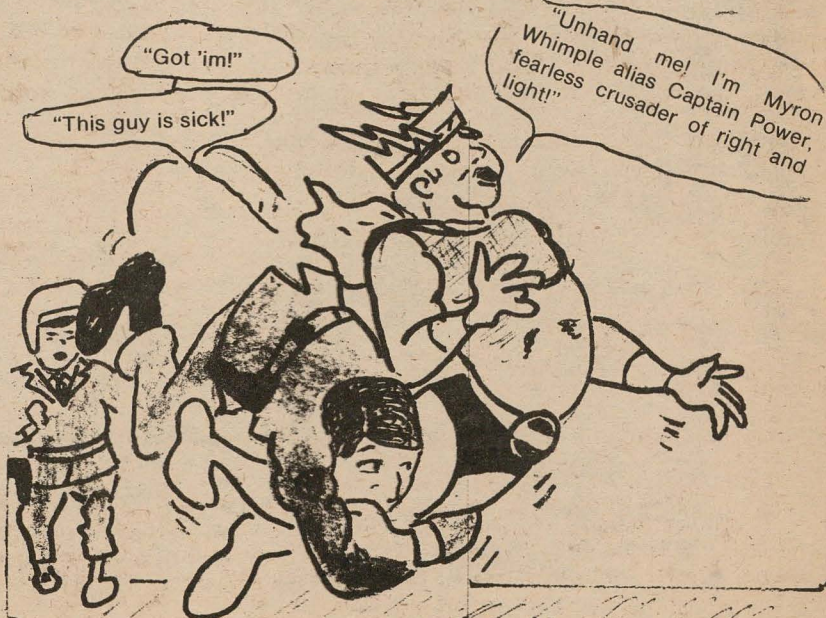
Police have spotted Captain Power's unorthodox maneuvers.

"Hey, Joe! Look! A Peeping Tom hanging from that window ledge."

"O.K., let's go get him!"

"He's O.K. He's limping away. That's the first running limp I've seen. I'll stop him!"

"Better make it fast. He just fell into the rose bushes."



Ramblin' Sam



"What do you think of the Army's current EER grading system?"

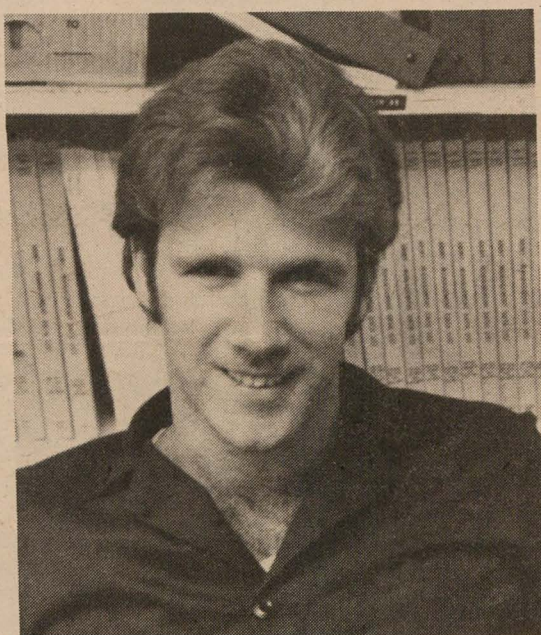
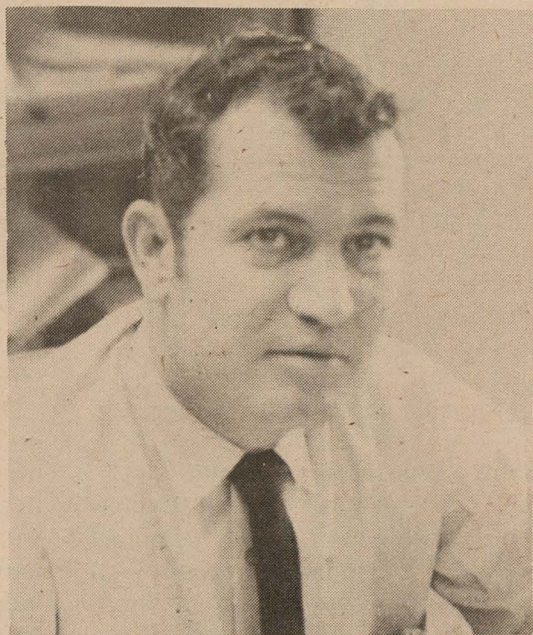
First Sergeant Terry L. McRoberts: "I, for one, am glad there will soon be a new rating system. The current system is far too inflated, without supplying enough needed information about the person getting graded. The new EER proposed by DA, which I have reviewed, seems to be better in that it gives a broader view of the evaluation system. A couple of improvements that I see is that there will be a system for EM in grades E5 and below, and for E6 and above. Also in the new system the reviewer can rate along with the rater, rather than just concur with the rater."



Sp5 Johnny Ignacio: "I think the current system is fair. It seems to cover the major areas of a person's performance, and the remarks column helps to explain the rater's reasons for either scoring the person high or low. I have seen the new proposed system, and I believe the new one will be more difficult to fill out."



PFC Patricia Tucker: "I haven't been in the Army long enough to be rated, but I have heard how over-rated the EER grading system is. Though I don't think the system is all that fair, I believe it has served the purpose so far."



Sp4 John Kenny: "With the current EER you have to do your utmost best, and hope your rater thinks that you are doing your utmost best. I believe, though, the system lets down when some raters think that an outstanding rating is bestowed upon only those who go far and beyond the call of duty."

Sp5 Robyn Childs: "The present rating system is just blown-up way out of proportion. If a rater decides a person under him is doing his job well, and he is not aware of how badly the system is inflated, the rater might say the person under him is average, or perhaps even above average, when he marks the EER score sheet."

Golden Gate U. offers Masters

Golden Gate University is offering a program at the Presidio which leads to a Masters degree in Public Administration. The school provides graduate professional education for persons preparing for administrative careers in the public sector; and, for those already engaged in government service, its programs are designed to provide opportunities for career advancement and enhancement.

The curriculum is intended to develop public managers with a humanistic perspective combined with modern substantive skills. Students may specialize in one of the following subject area concentrations; Administrative Organization and Management; Environmental Management; Justice Administration; Manpower Management; and Urban-State-Federal Governance.

Tuition is \$57.00 per unit at the graduate level. A \$2.00 educational services fee is required per course. Tuition Assistance is available for eligible enlisted personnel and covers 75% of tuition. G.I. in-service benefits covering 100% of tuition and fees is also available. Civilian personnel are welcome to attend on-post classes.

GGU offers 3 fifteen week semesters per year. Course offerings for Spring 1975:

February 3 1975 - May 17 1975

PA-330 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY, REPORT WRITING AND STATISTICS

3 Units Monday 6 - 9

Instructor: Friedman

PA-300 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

3 Units Tuesday 6 - 9

Instructor: Hatcher

JA-369 PROBLEMS AND ISSUES IN JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION

3 Units Wednesday 6 - 9

Instructor: Buckelew

Registration for the Spring term begins in January 1975. The Golden Gate University Representative, Ms. Betsey Ogle, will be in the Army Education Center (Bldg. 1216,) every Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Phone 561-4419/4445. Registration and book fees must be paid by personal check or money order. Cash cannot be accepted.

GGU is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. All classes are resident credit courses.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

(Jan. 13)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
Letterman#1	8	0
402nd MP Company	8	1
Garrison	6	4
HDD 504th MP Battalion	5	3
LAIR	4	5
Public Health	2	6
170th MP Company	1	8
Support Element	0	7

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Western Recruiting	7	0
Letterman #2	6	0
666th Radar Squadron	4	3
Corps of Engineers	5	4
16th Base Post Office	2	6
51st Engineers	2	7
864th Engineers	1	7

YOUTH BASKETBALL

(Jan. 15)

Major League (13-16 years)	Won	Lost	Minor League (9-12 years)	Won	Lost
Spurs	5	1	Knicks	5	1
Celtics	5	2	Bullets	5	2
Warriors	4	2	76'ers	3	3
Jazz	2	4	Sonics	2	4
Pistons	0	7	Trailblazrs	1	6

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Urine test reinstated

The Secretary of Defense has directed the military departments to reinstate urine testing for drug abuse on February 1, 1975, or as soon thereafter as sufficient materials, necessary for the testing, become available.

The Secretary of Defense emphasized that the resumption of testing will not be in violation of the decision by the Court of Military Appeals in the United States vs Ruiz case and that results of testing will not be used in punitive or adverse administrative actions. Testing will be resumed primarily for the purpose of identifying individuals who may be using drugs so that they may be rehabilitated and returned to useful duty with their units.

Department of the Army has stressed that resumption of testing is being done in a positive spirit to gain maximum benefit to the Army's readiness and the soldier's welfare. Secretary Callaway and General Weyand have asked all commanders to give the program their fullest support.

The resumption of testing will necessitate changes to current directives and exemption policy. These changes will be released immediately to all FORSCOM elements when received.

ROTC scholarships now available for enlisted soldiers

If you are an enlisted man or woman, have completed one or more years of active duty, earned at least two years of college credit, and are interested in getting your degree at the Army's expense, the opportunity to do so is NOW.

Beginning January 15, eligible Army personnel may apply for a two-year Army ROTC scholarship. The scholarships are designed to provide qualified personnel an opportunity to earn both a degree and commission through participation in the program.

The scholarship provides for full tuition, books and educational fees, plus \$100 a month subsistence for up to 20 months. Additionally, scholarship winners will earn \$475 for attending advanced camp, normally scheduled the summer between junior and senior years of college.

If you meet the previously stated prerequisites, will be under 25 years of age on June 30, 1975, are an American citizen, and can be accepted by a college for next Fall's enrollment, you may be eligible for one of the scholarships.

Last year, 50 two-year scholarships were awarded to enlisted members of the Army. If you are qualified and interested, call Capt. Joe D'Angelo, University of San Francisco, 666-6405 or write to: Army ROTC Scholarships, Fort Monroe, Virginia, 23651. An application will be furnished and detailed answers provided for any questions the interested person may have.

Soccer Team

Anyone interested in playing on the Presidio Soccer team should contact SSG Lehnecke, telephone number 2251 (duty) or 838-3377 (home).



Members of the 4th Artillery Regiment's band on parade at Presidio in 1881.

(Photo courtesy of Society of California Pioneers)

Marching unit to be formed at Presidio

Plans are now underway to form a special marching unit at the Presidio for ceremonies. The men in the unit will wear the type uniform worn by soldiers of the 4th Artillery Regiment when it was first established at the Presidio in 1872.

The unit will have a 22-man band, 16-man light artillery battery, 16-man heavy artillery company, eight-man color guard and a command section. Volunteers for the color guard must be between six feet and six feet, two inches in height.

For other elements of the unit, they must be between five feet, six inches and six feet in height.

An announcement will be made when volunteers are needed. Volunteers are asked to wait until that time to offer their services.

The unit's main support will be to ceremonies at military installations in the Presidio area but it will also participate in civic activities in the Bay area.

At this time, the first activity planned for the unit is the Army's 200th birthday, June 14.

Soldiers must pay state taxes

Because federal income taxes are withheld from soldiers' pay, filing a federal tax return is routine for many people. However, many soldiers are unaware that they also have a state or local income tax liability.

Service members are not excused or exempt from state or local taxes merely because they are on active duty unless the law of their particular state exempts them from taxation.

Like Federal taxes, returns and tax payments for most states are due on April 15, 1975 with Copy 1 of the W-2 form. Tax information is furnished to the state a soldier declares as the legal home of record. It is the soldier's responsibility to secure the necessary state and local forms, file the returns and pay the taxes.

Every soldier must meet the state tax laws of the state that is his legal domicile. This domicile is usually the address shown in his finance records.

As a general rule, states that impose taxes do so on two classes of persons: those who are residents in the state at certain times during the tax year, regardless of their source of income; and persons not resident in the state but deriving income from sources within the state. If the general rule were literally applied, a soldier could be liable for income tax in two or more states — his state of legal domicile and the state he is stationed in.

However, the Soldiers and Sailors' Civil Relief Act relieves active duty military personnel from possible double taxation. A soldier who is a legal resident of one state but stationed in another does not have to pay taxes on his service pay to the second state.

The act does not exempt retired pay, the separate income of a spouse or another member

of the family. In addition, income from off-duty employment within the state is taxable by that state.

Only Florida, Nevada, New Jersey, South Dakota, Texas, Washington state and Wyoming do not levy individual income taxes on legal residents while New Hampshire and New Jersey each impose a "commuter" tax. All other states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico have income taxes regardless of your actual physical location.

Some states, including Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Vermont and Wisconsin, provide either partial or full exclusion of active duty and/or retiree pay. But soldiers generally must still file a return.

State governments are becoming more aggressive in the collection of income taxes. Soldiers should not rely on widespread exemption from tax liability permitted during wartime or on the lack of prior attempts by the state to collect taxes due.

Such devices as comparing automobile registration and voter's rolls with tax returns received are used to find delinquent taxpayers. Use of computers makes these comparisons and other tax collection procedures relatively simple.

Most of the states now have reciprocal enforcement laws in which the courts recognize and enforce the liability for taxes imposed by another state. For example, California may enforce collection of taxes owed in another state.

Tax laws can be complicated and the soldier who has questions about individual local taxes should contact the unit tax adviser or the tax authority in his home state for detailed information.

Sprightly comedy brightens fare at Presidio Playhouse

"6 RMS RIV VU" (Six Rooms River View), a sprightly, happy comedy of charm and humor, opened at the Presidio Playhouse Jan. 24 for a four weekend run.

The play had its premiere performance at the Helen Hayes Theatre in October 1972, and last year a television version of the play was aired with Carol Burnett and Alan Alda in the leading roles.

The action of the play takes place in a vacant apartment on Riverside Drive in New York. It is one of the few remaining rent-controlled abodes in the city and even offers a river view, if one leans out of one of the bathroom windows.

The apartment is open for inspection by prospective tenants, and among them are a man and a woman who have never met before. They are the last to leave and, when they get ready to depart, they find that the doorknob is missing and they are shut in.

Since they are attractive people, they find each other interesting and the fact that both are happily married adds to their delight of mutual, yet obviously separate interests.

An affair, of sorts, ensues and the two people play out a very vital game of love with a very humorous tincture of truth to it.

The leading roles of Paul Friedman and Anne Miller will be played by Robert Brock and Ann Homrighausen, respectively. Brock is a management analyst in the Office of the Chief of Staff here and has had considerable acting and directing experience in college, community and semi-professional theater in St. Louis, Cincinnati and Italy, while stationed there in the Army.

Ann Homrighausen has appeared in many Presidio Players' productions. She is a two-time winner of acting awards in Army Play Contests for her roles in Playhouse productions of THE MAD-WOMAN OF CHAILLOT and THE BOY FRIEND.

Others in the cast are Joseph Leyva, Barbara Brautigam, David Buckland, Paula Barish, Linda Jones, and Robert Struckman. The play is designed and directed by Donald Hess, Recreation Services Music and Theater director.

Performances at the Presidio Playhouse will be given at 8 P.M. on Fridays and Saturdays Jan. 31 and February 1, 7, 8, 14, 15. Sunday performances are Feb. 2, 9, and 16 at 7 P.M. Tickets are \$1.00 and the Playhouse box office is open daily, except Sundays, from 1-5 P.M. and 30 minutes before curtain on performance nights. Telephone 561-3992 for further information.

CAR POOL

Lillian Williams, 1203 McEwing Ct., Concord. Telephone 687-9918 (home) or 561-3274 (work). Destination is Finance and Accounting (Bld. 102). Will drive in Car pool.

Zorah Christian, 3415 Ohio Avenue, Richmond, telephone (work) 4445. (home) 237-4474. Destination: PSFC, Ft. Scott. Needs a ride or can drive in car pool.

Pamela Young, Kentfield area in Marin, telephone (home) 461-0839, (duty) 3303. Destination: PSF Bldg 280. Will drive and share expenses.

Josephine La Rose, 410 28th Street, Oakland, telephone (work) 5889 (home) 835-3588. Destination: Bldg 102, PSF. Needs a ride Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 4:15 schedule.

Virginia Cook, 211 Douglas Street, Petaluma, telephone (work) 2040/3452. Home (763-4259). Destination: Bldg 912, PSF. Needs a ride or can drive in a car pool.

Betty J. Anderson, 2025 Shady Lane, Novato, telephone (work) 2877/2385 (home) 897-3874. Destination: Letterman AMC. Needs a ride.

Bernice Williams, 38 Oaklawn Drive, Westlake, Daly City, telephone (home) 756-7682 (work) 561-2108. Destination: Bldg 603, Audio-Visual. Needs a ride and can occasionally drive in car pool.

Marilyn Novell, 3275 Mission, San Francisco, telephone (duty) 2274. Destination: Bldg. 39, PSF. Will need a ride Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

People who need a ride or want to drive in a car pool may complete the following form and send it to: Star Presidian, Information Office, Presidio of San Francisco, 94129.

NAME:
ADDRESS:
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (HOME) (WORK)
DESTINATION:
INDICATE: NEED A RIDE, WILL DRIVE IN CAR POOL, WILL SHARE EXPENSES

More E-5 Hikes

Soldiers no longer must score 100 on their enlisted evaluation score to be eligible for promotion consideration to E-5. A new policy which became effective January 13 states the enlisted evaluation score requirement for advancement to E-5 has been lowered from 110 to 100 and is waivable down to 80 for E-4s considered to have outstanding military potential by their commanders. This policy should make E-5 stripes available to several thousand additional E-4s this year.

The enlisted evaluation score is composed of a soldier's MOS test score and the commander's evaluation.

Gas Mileage Guide

The 1975 gas mileage guide for new car buyers is now available. The booklet lists the expected gas mileage of 1975 cars sold in this country for both city and highway driving.

Write for your free copy to: Fuel Economy, Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

Also, most 1975 cars will have a special label which will list the expected fuel economy for that particular car. Before you buy, look for this label and read the gas mileage guide.

Presidio News Notes

The Adventures of CAPTAIN POWER By SSG Jim Rodgers



At the Provost Marshal's Office . . .



"There I was, knee-deep in hand grenade pins . . ."

"As you know, Captain Power, the MPs at the Presidio are the world's finest. They'll be happy to help you with your plans to apprehend people like Wanda and Wilbur Wasteful and to start conserving energy."

"That's fine, sir, but my plans are going to involve every member of the Presidio community, not just the MPs."



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The IG-- a way to improve the Army

By John Chambers

"I'll take it to the IG!" is a phrase that has been heard in the Army for a long time — probably since the father of the inspector general system, Baron von Steuben, joined Washington's army at Valley Forge in 1778.

Since that time, the IG system has undergone many changes, but its basic mission — looking for ways to improve the Army — has remained the same.

At the Presidio, the permanent IG staff consists of two majors, a captain, a sergeant first class and a civilian secretary. Their primary job is to act as the eyes and ears of the post commander, to locate problems, to assist units in performing their mission and to help individuals with problems.

The IG works in three ways. The unit inspection is the best known (and probably the most feared). It demands coordination between the unit commander, the IG staff and a special team of inspectors. These inspectors, selected from Presidio staff sections, use their own job expertise to examine similar jobs at the company level.

Ordinarily, the unit is given one week advance notice. This forewarning is sometimes a point of contention. Some feel it is too long. Others, too short.

"Our main concern is to see if a unit is doing its job," said Major Joseph Johnson, Jr. of the Presidio IG team. "Under the old set up, there was great emphasis placed on spit

and polish. A month's notice was given and the commander might have his men out painting buildings and lining up tent pegs. We feel they got too much harassment."

What about those who say a week's notice is too much; that it gives a unit time to cover up its inefficiency? "Yes, we could call the commander at two o'clock in the morning and say we'll be over at 7:15," said Johnson. "But I think that system placed too much emphasis on finding mistakes. We're there to help units. We can get a good feel for how a unit operates just by talking to the troops during the course of an inspection."

Acting on complaints and grievances is another part of the IG team's responsibility. Although there are unit inspections almost every month here, the major portion of the IG's resources is spent helping people solve personal problems.

The most common complaints involve unit conditions, household goods, travel, reassignment and administrative personnel records. The IG's complaint section, headed by Major Edward Zobrist, handled 92 of these last fiscal quarter.

"That figure is inflated for a post this size," said Captain Niel Nielsen, another team member. "We handled a lot of requests from transients who want to be assigned here. Having a good quality hospital here like Letterman also adds to the figure. So does the large number of retired personnel in the area."

Each complaint is carefully considered. Some come from people trying to jump the chain of command. Some are from individuals who don't know where to go for help.

"Most of these problems are handled just by directing people back into the proper area of the command chain," said Johnson. "But when a major problem does come up, we get faster action when people see the 'IG'."

When several complaints are received about the same problem, the IG may use its third method of operation — the investigation. During the investigation, the IG team goes into the field to get a first hand look at the problem area. An expert in the area they are investigating also helps them understand the situation and what might be done to correct it.

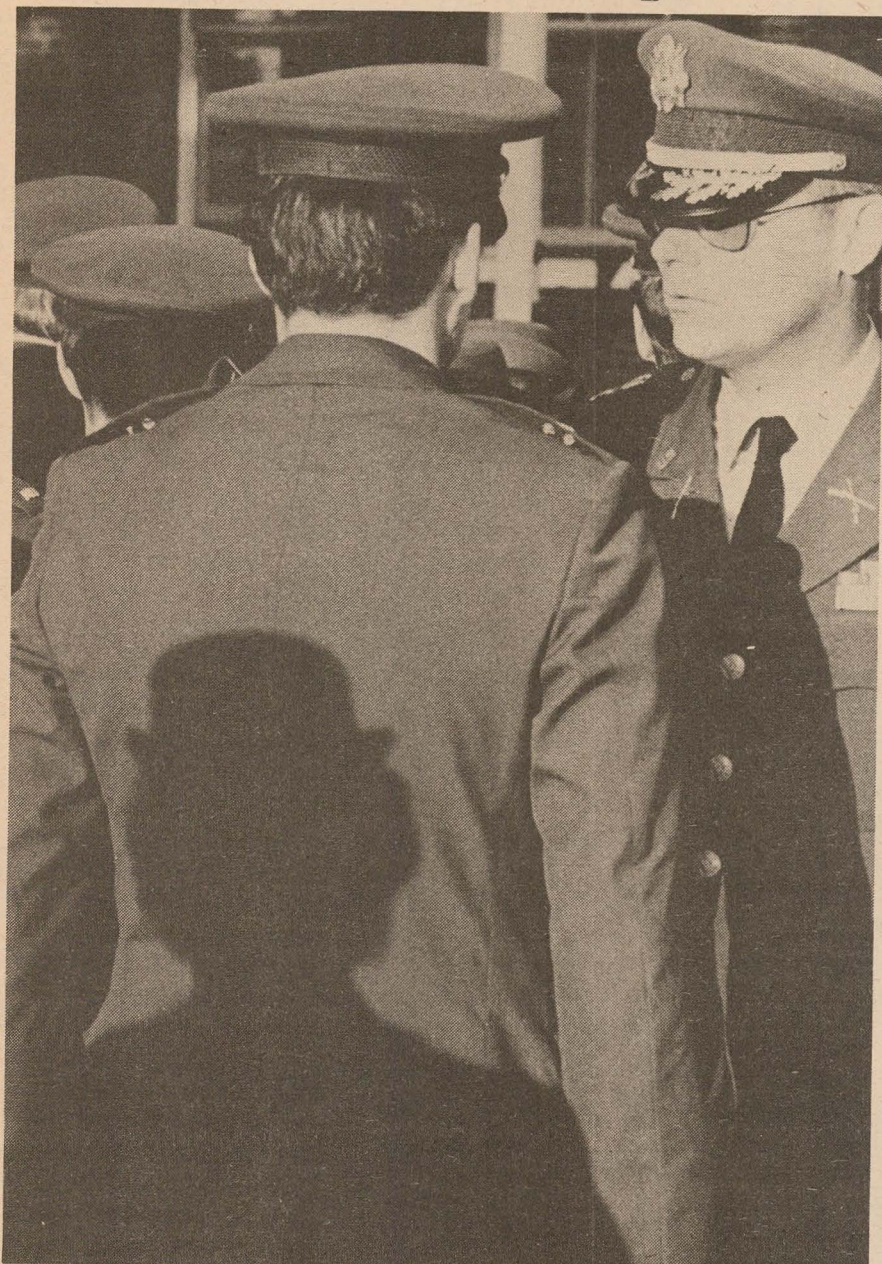


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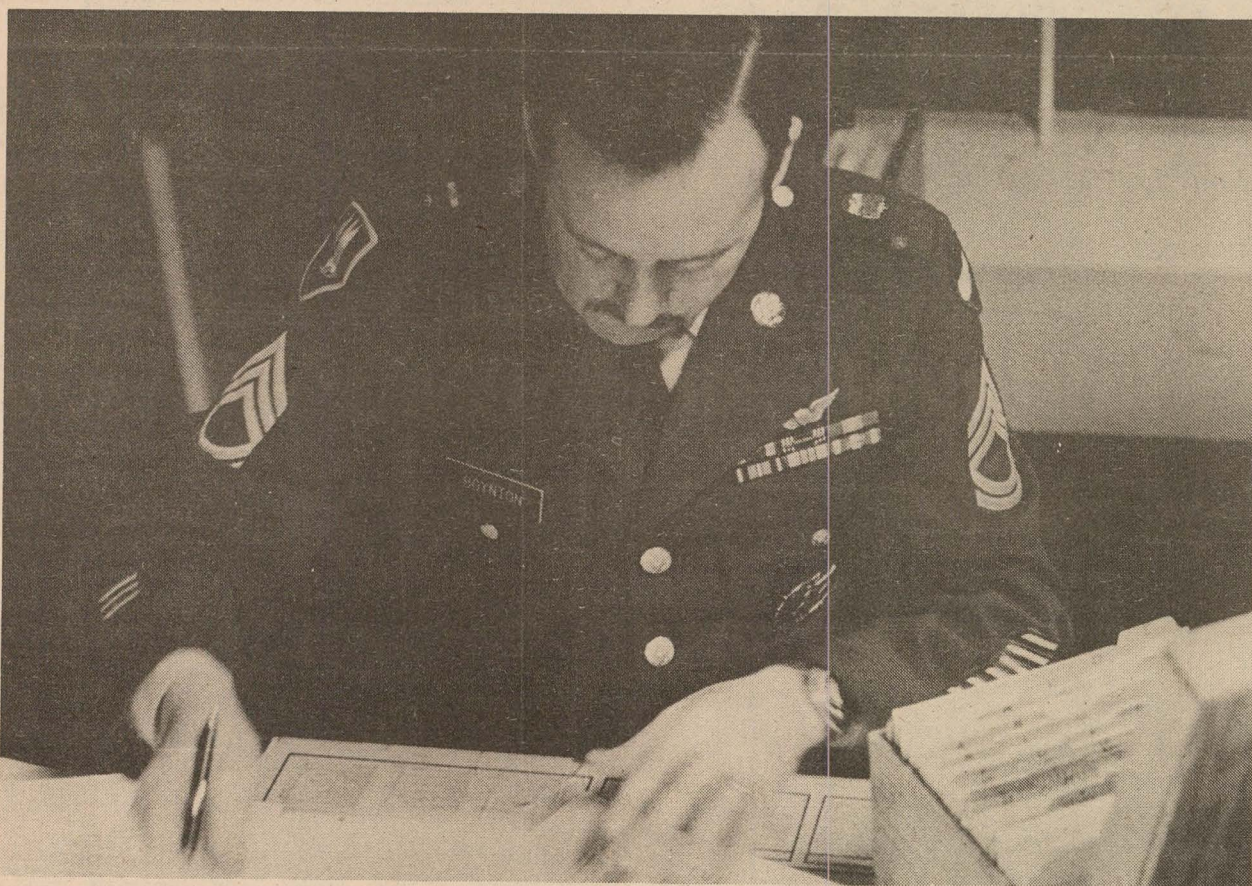


Photo by SSG C.D. Steen

Photos: An IG inspection last week at Presidio's Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison. (From the top) Major Edward Zobrist talks to a soldier during an in-ranks inspection. Reenlistment records receive a thorough check from Sergeant First Class Donald Boynton of Post Reenlistment Office. Chief Warrant Officer William Thomas (Services Division, Directorate of Industrial Operations) looks for dirt beneath a freezer in the garrison dining facility.

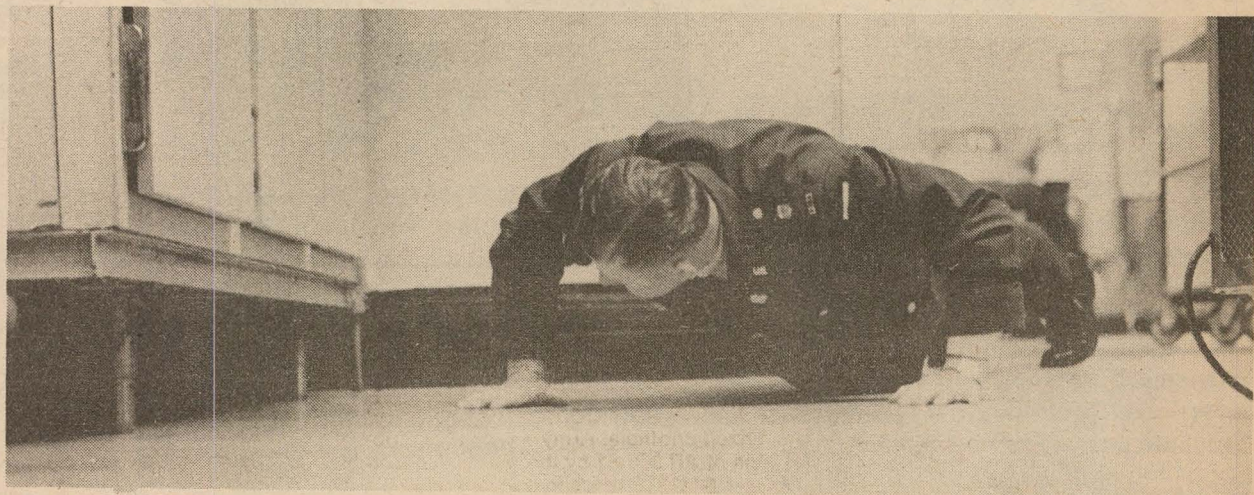


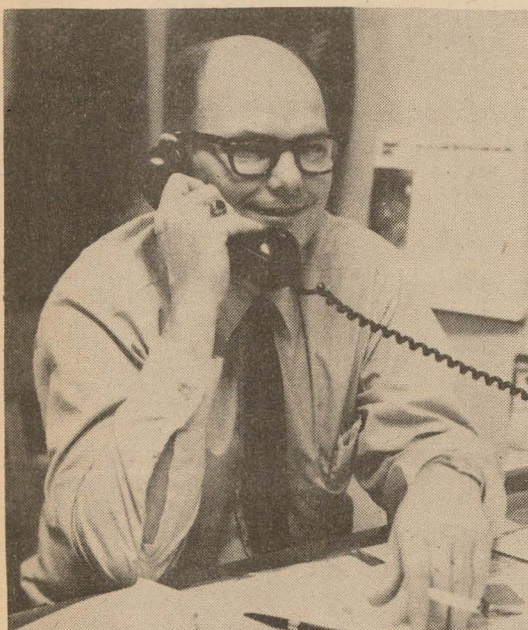
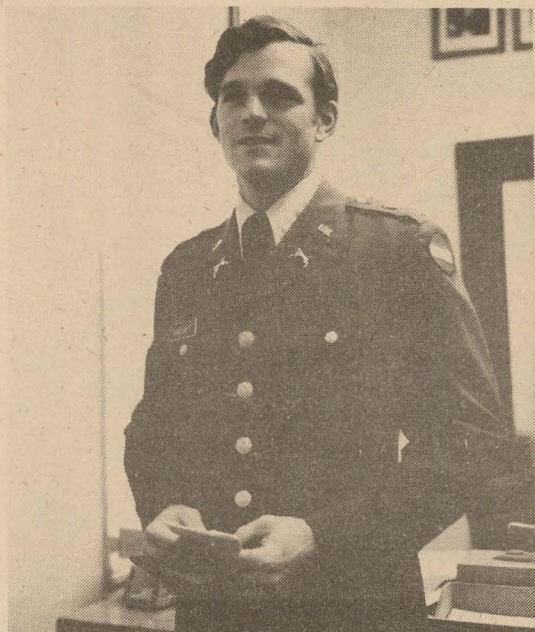
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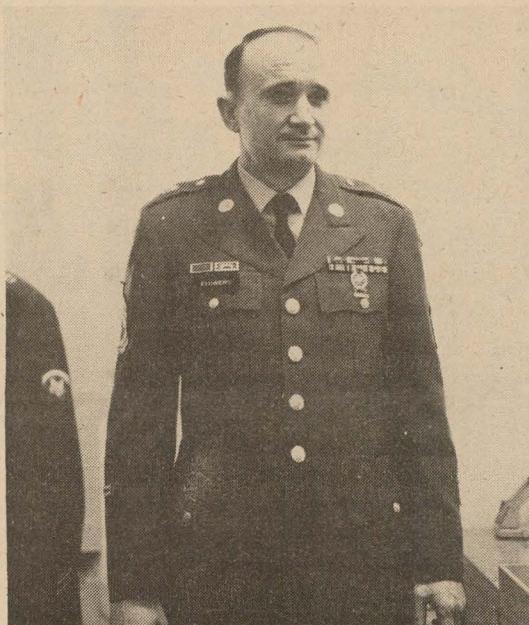


"Do you think the annual IG inspection is an important Army function?"

2LT. JOHN SWEGART: "It insures our readiness to accomplish our mission Army wide. If sections are to be able to fulfill its necessity, there has to be a tool to help the Army machine keep working properly and smoothly. The annual IG is one way of keeping the Army up to par."



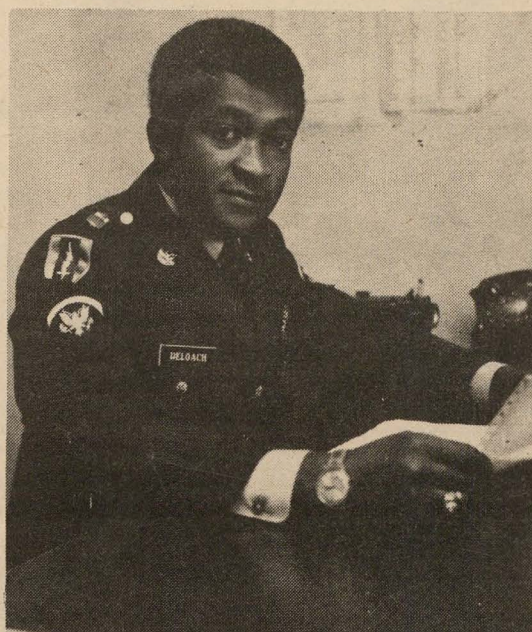
1SG BILLY GIPSON: "Of course it's important! The IG insures that commanders are properly managing men, money, and materials, and gives incentive to the commanders to make sure their respective areas of responsibility are kept up to par."



SFC DENNIS F. FLOWERS: "The IG keeps the Army effective. It keeps the people in the Army on their toes and makes sure they do what they are supposed to do."



PFC GWEN WILLIAMS: "As far as making certain that everything is running right within the commands, the IG inspection is probably the best way to assure it. The only thing I object to, though, is during the personnel inspection. We have to have almost every piece of clothing ever issued to us from the time we came into the Army. A lot of the stuff we get we'll most likely never wear, like thermal underwear or those heavy gloves."



SP5 EDDIE DELOACH: "When you are in administration, like I am, the IG makes sure that we stay abreast of current Department of the Army regulations and standards. Since it's part of my job to stay up with changes, the annual IG assures that I am (or am not) doing my job correctly and helps me to do it better."

All-Army team passes warm up stage

A fist fight broke out between two players on the all-Army basketball team during an inter-squad scrimmage last week.

"That's good," said Army coach Hal Fischer talking about the incident the next day. "It means they're coming up mentally."

With the tough part of their exhibition schedule beginning Wednesday, the psyche comes just in time.

The all-Army candidates, who have made the Presidio their training camp for fifteen straight years, ran over their first exhibition game opponents, downing the USS Ranger 102-52 and Alameda Junior College 106-58. They also came away with the edge in three exhibition scrimmages.

Those were warmups. Their first real test will come Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in the post gym against the Martinez Muirs. Martinez is a semi-pro team with a 6 foot 10 inch front line and past pro players such as former Atlanta Hawk David Lee.

Fischer said he is not sure yet just how good this year's Army team will be. He substituted heavily in the first two games and in the three scrimmages. That gave him a chance to see each player but no idea how well the squads starting players will perform as a team.

"I think we are bigger and stronger this year, but we had more depth last year," said Bob Sherwin, a team captain, referring to last year's interservice champions. He and three other players are all that have returned from last year's team.

Sherwin was a star backcourt man at West Point. His hot outside shooting has made him a standout in the training camp thus far. "I've been lucky, because I'm not really in condition yet," said Sherwin.

Conditioning is what the first three weeks of the Army camp has been about. Fischer runs three practice sessions a day. The morning workout is devoted to play patterns and a blackboard or movie session. Afternoon brings more patterns — this time with a defense — and then a scrimmage. Evening practice concentrates on the physical with players sometimes running windsprints for an hour.

There are 21 players on the team now. Only 12 can go to the interservice meet at Twenty Nine Palms in the beginning of March. Fischer said the first major cut will come Feb. 5. He will not play everyone Wednesday night against the Muirs.

This Week's All-Army Games

Jan. 29 Martinez Muirs Presidio Gym 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 31 U.C. Med USF Gym 5:30 p.m.
(prelim to USF vs Pepperdine)

Feb. 1 L.A. Bullets USF Gym 5:30 p.m.
(prelim to USF vs Loyola)

Feb. 2 L.A. Bullets Presidio Gym 1 p.m.

STANDINGS

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL (Jan. 22)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
Letterman #1	8	0
402nd MP Company	9	2
Garrison	8	4
HHD 504th MP Battalion	7	4
LAIR	4	6
Public Health	4	6
170th MP Company	1	9
Support Element	0	10

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Western Recruiting	8	0
Letterman #2	7	0
666th Radar Squadron	5	3
Corps of Engineers	5	4
16th Base Post Office	2	7
51st Engineers	2	8
864th Engineers	1	8

YOUTH BASKETBALL (Jan. 22)

Major League (13-16 years)	Won	Lost	Minor League (9-12 years)	Won	Lost
Spurs	6	1	Bullets	6	2
Celtics	5	2	Knicks	5	2
Warriors	4	3	76'ers	4	3
Jazz	3	4	Sonics	2	5
Pistons	0	8	Trailblazers	1	6

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Presidio to observe Black History Week

National Black History Week will be observed at the Presidio during the week of February 9 through 16. The theme for the week is: "Fulfilling America's Promise".

The week will be filled with black historically and culturally oriented events and displays. The Chaplain's Division will conduct activities in conjunction with and in support of National Black History Week. The Post Library will present a display of books relating to black history and will provide a bibliography of black history books. Additional activities are being planned and will be announced at a later date.

In San Francisco, The San Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society will highlight the week with events centered around the arts — music, opera, painting, crafts, drama, dance and literature. For more details on these events contact the society at 864-1010.



Terminal retirements to be reestablished

Terminal (deathbed) retirements, discontinued in 1966, are to be reestablished soon. The new policy got recent Army approval and implementing instructions are expected by April 1.

The policy calls for the immediate retirement of soldiers when death is imminent if such a retirement will provide financial benefits to an eligible survivor that would not be available if the service member were to die on active duty.

Deathbed retirements could apply, for example, to soldiers with serious injury, acute disease or malignancy who faced immediate death. Eligible survivors generally would include a spouse or children.

The authority to approve deathbed retirements will be vested with most installation commanders worldwide.

The new policy and implementing instructions will appear in a revision of Army regulation 635-40.

PX begins electronic check verification

An electronic check verification system, capable of spotting check cashing violators in seconds, is now operating at the Presidio post exchange. The system is a computer circuit running between the main exchange, the exchange annex and the exchange's regional office in San Francisco.

It eliminates the older method of manually scrutinizing dishonored check lists at the cashier cages. Those lists contained the names of people who had passed bad checks in the exchange system.

In addition, the computer will keep a daily tally of check cashing to spot patrons who exceed the personal check cashing limit of \$50 per day.

The exchange manager said honest customers, who he emphasized are the vast majority of customers, will benefit from the new system. With shorter lines at the cashier's cage and reduced overhead costs. Operating costs are eventually defrayed through product pricing.

When a check is presented for cashing,

cashiers will punch the check casher's social security number into a keyboard. Within approximately three seconds, a red light will flash on her console under the words "OK", "hold" or "refer", indicating the status of the customer's account with the exchange.

"Hold" means "don't cash the check, the customer is on the computer's dishonored check list." "OK" clears the check for cashing and "refer" indicates the customer is exceeding his daily check cashing limit.

This is the first time the exchange will have a viable method of determining who has over-cashed their daily limit. The limit exists because the PX maintains only a certain cash reserve for handling personal checks.

Customers may challenge the information stored in the computer banks on an "authorizer." This device reads the patron's file, telling the cashier or store manager how many dishonored checks the customer was listed for and where they were cashed.

Officer Personnel Directorate Reorganizes

Major changes are in store for MILPERCEN's Officer Personnel Directorate (OPD). Under the changes officers will be managed by Personnel Management System (OPMS) specialties and grade.

Three Field Grade Divisions

By next fall, all field grade officers will be managed within divisions based on respective grades. Colonels have had this form of management since 1962, and all lieutenant colonels and majors — regardless of their branch — will be managed by specialties in the new Majors and Lieutenant Colonels Divisions.

Within the three field grade divisions, each headed by a colonel, there will be a professional development branch, support branch and multiple specialty management elements.

Specialty managers throughout each field grade division will be responsible for the professional development and assignment of officers.

For example, this means that a lieutenant colonel with armor as his primary specialty would direct all his requests for information and assistance to the Lieutenant Colonels Division's Armor Specialty Manager.

An armor lieutenant colonel with information as his primary specialty would

deal primarily with the Information Specialty Manager in the Lieutenant Colonels Division.

Thus, an officer will normally look first to his primary specialty manager for guidance, assistance and professional development advice. However, he can still seek advice from his alternate specialty manager.

Three Company Grade Divisions

To provide company grade officers with a sense of organizational identity and pride, management of these officers by specialty and grade within the current branch framework will continue.

These familiar career branches will be retained under three new company grade divisions: Combat Arms, Combat Support Arms and Combat Service Support. A colonel will head each division.

The branch chiefs within each of the three divisions will be lieutenant colonels. The presence of respective professional development branches is part of an effort to insure continuity of officer development throughout the company grades.

New Warrant Officer Division

Management of all warrant officers will be centralized in a new Warrant Officer Division. Only aviation warrant officers are now managed centrally by a single branch.

All others are managed by their respective branches.

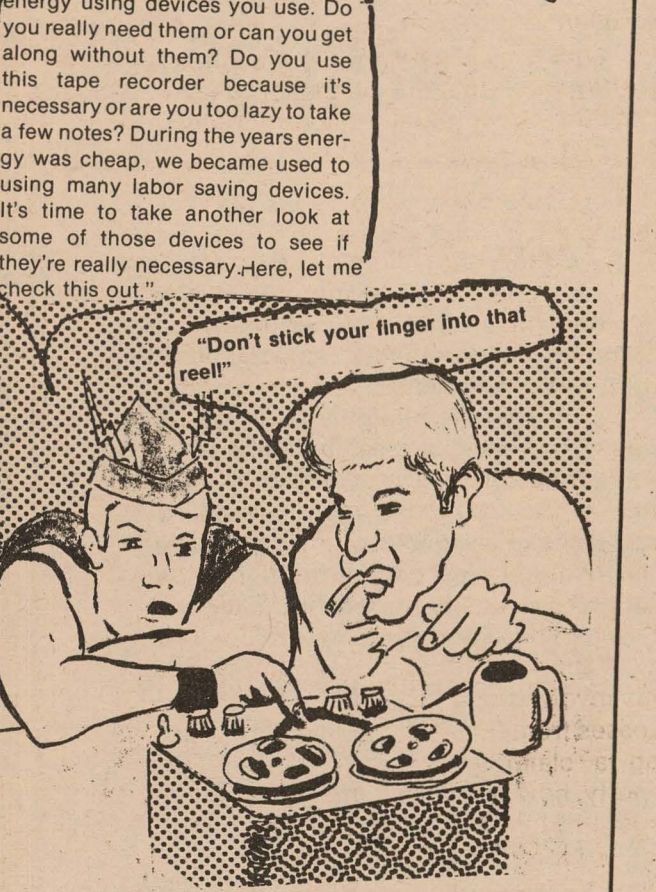
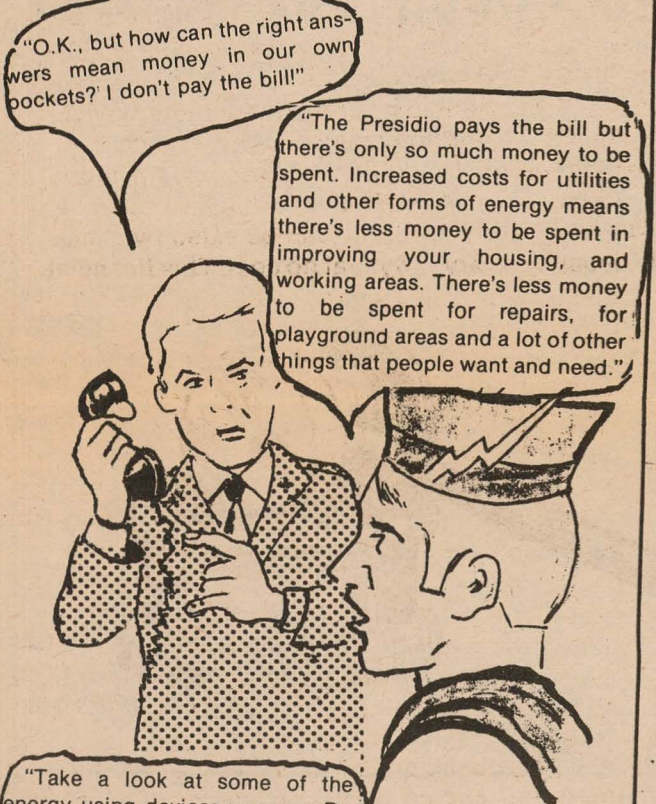
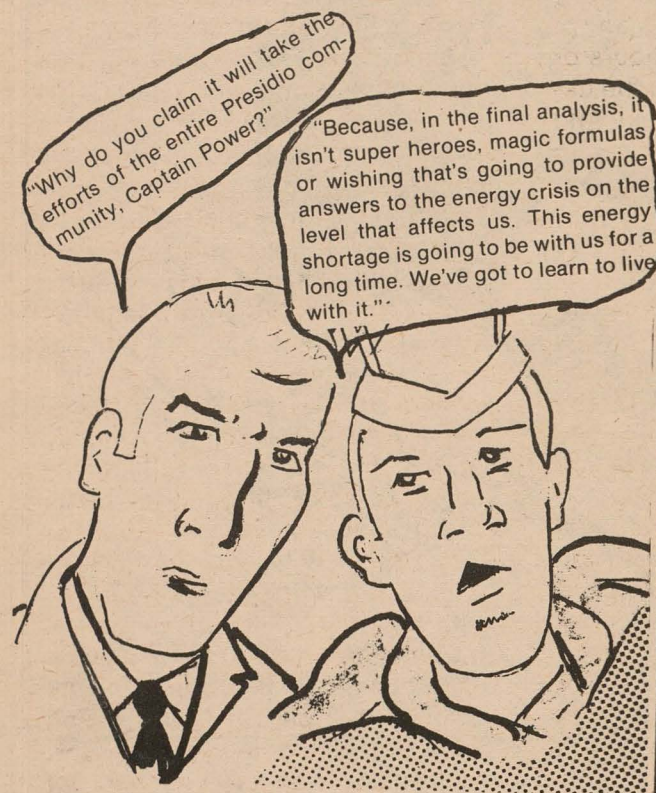
Formation of a single division offers distinct advantages since the problems associated with warrant officer management differ from those met in commissioned officer management.

For example, in highly technical areas such as Hawk missile maintenance, it is important for a warrant officer to maintain his proficiency. A central division could pinpoint an assignment, if necessary, for an ordnance warrant outside his branch in such areas as air defense where he could maintain needed proficiency.

Another problem that a central division meets is that of aviation warrant officers who are no longer physically required to fill aviation slots. A division set-up will help find more suitable assignments for these officers.

The changes at OPD will come during July-September, 1975, by which time specialty designations for all captains, majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels will be complete. The new alignments in no way modify current branches of the Army as established by law but the major impact does occur at the career branch level.

Adventures of CAPTAIN POWER



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News Notes

Social Security Tax Upped

There has been an increase in the amount of social security tax that will be withheld in 1975. The maximum amount of earnings subject to the tax in 1975 is \$14,100; up from \$13,200. This means the maximum amount withheld will be \$824.85: a \$52.15 increase from last year.

Blood Drive Success

Two hundred and seventy-four donors supported the recent Presidio blood drive. This is the greatest number of people to support a blood drive during the recent months, according to 2nd Lt. Lindsay Boring. Lt. Boring stressed that continued support is needed for future blood drives.

MARDI GRAS POT LUCK

The Catholic Community is holding a Mardi Gras Pot Luck on Friday Feb. 7. It will be held at the Religious Activities Center (Bldg. 682) from 6-9 p.m. All Catholic personnel and their families are invited to attend. You are asked to bring enough for your family and for one other. Beverages will be provided. Dinner, singing and games are planned.

February Luncheon

Fritzi Armstrong will be the guest speaker at the

Letterman Wives Club Luncheon, Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Presidio Officers Club. Sherry will be served at 11:30 and lunch at noon.

Armstrong will speak on "The Twelve Signs of the Zodiac" plus a forecast of 1975. Armstrong has appeared on the Jim Dunbar Show and has lectured on astrology throughout America. Hostesses for the luncheon are the wives of Pathology, Physical Medicine, Dentistry.

Reservations should be made before February 11 by calling Carol Shroyer, 387-5215 or Candy Cole, 561-2432 in San Francisco, or Polly Shaw, 456-0235, in Marin.

FREE BOTANY AND ART CLASSES

The San Francisco Community College will offer tuition free classes in botany and art Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fort Point promenade classroom (Bldg. 672) starting Feb. 3. Students will learn to identify native plants in the Fort Point area, make herbariums, plant prints and marine algae pressings. Ida Geary, author of "Marin Trails" and the "Leaf Book," will be the instructor. Classes are continuous. Students may join at any time. Municipal bus line #28 offers public transportation to the classroom area. For additional information call the Fort Point National Historic Site 556-1693 or San Francisco Community College 626-0996.

Action Line

Action Line is available to help solve problems or answer questions. Anyone with a Presidio-related problem that cannot be solved through the chain of command

Q. Why can't customers cash a check for \$10 more than the purchase price for groceries in the commissary? This would enable the customer to buy cigarettes at the cigarette counter without cashing a second check?

A. Thank you for the suggestion. The Post Commander has now authorized the commissary to cash customers checks for up to \$10 more than the amount of purchase, for the purpose of buying cigarettes.

The Action Line recorder is being serviced. Please write your comments and send to: Action Line, Information Office, Presidio of San Francisco.

CAR POOL

Lillian Williams, 1203 McEwing Ct., Concord. Telephone 687-9918 (home) or 561-3274 (work). Destination is Finance and Accounting (Bld. 102). Will drive in Car pool.

Zorah Christian, 3415 Ohio Avenue, Richmond, telephone (work) 4445. (home) 237-4474. Destination: PSFC, Ft. Scott. Needs a ride or can drive in car pool.

Pamela Young, Kentfield area in Marin, telephone (home) 461-0839, (duty) 3303. Destination: PSF Bldg 280. Will drive and share expenses.

Josephine La Rose, 410 28th Street, Oakland, telephone (work) 5889 (home) 835-3588. Destination: Bldg 102, PSF. Needs a ride Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 4:15 schedule.

Betty J. Anderson, 2025 Shady Lane, Novato, telephone (work) 2877/2385 (home) 897-3874. Destination: Letterman AMC. Needs a ride.

Bernice Williams, 38 Oaklawn Drive, Westlake, Daly City, telephone (home) 756-7682 (work) 561-2108. Destination: Bldg 603, Audio-Visual. Needs a ride and can occasionally drive in car pool.

Marilyn Novell, 3275 Mission, San Francisco, telephone (duty) 2274, Destination: Bldg. 39, PSF. Will need a ride Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

People who need a ride or want to drive in a pool may complete the following form and send to: Star Presidian, Information Office, Presidio San Francisco, 94129.

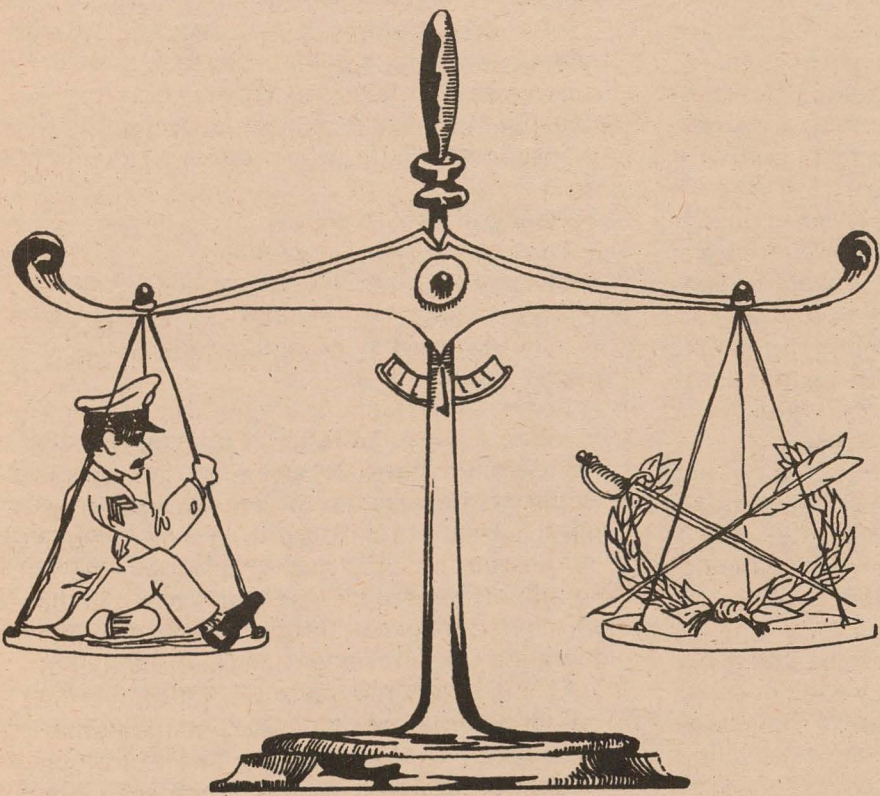
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MOVIES

2 FEB SUN	Adults \$1.00	Children \$.50
1800-2000	THE TAKING OF PELHAM	
3 FEB MON	123 (R)	104 Min.
1900	Robert Shaw Walter Matthau	
4 FEB TUE	Adults \$.75	Children \$.35
1900	CINDERELLA LIBERTY (R)	
5 FEB WED		(Rel) 117 Min.
1900	Adults \$.75	Children \$.35
6 FEB THU	THE LEGEND OF EARL DURAND PG	
1900		110 Min.
7 FEB FRI	Adults \$.75	Children \$.35
1900	FOR PETE'S SAKE (PG)	
		(Rel) 90 Min.
8 FEB SAT	AMAZING GRACE (G)	
1800-2000		99 Min.
8 FEB SAT	SPECIAL MATINEE	
1400	FIVE WEEKS IN A BALLOON (G) (Rev) 101 Min.	

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Military Justice: how just is it?



Many people both in and out of military service seem to believe that military justice is akin to the Spanish Inquisition and that the military is the last refuge of unconstitutional law practices and cruel and unusual punishment. Lawyers of the Staff Judge Advocate Corps are sometimes considered members of a brass hierarchy, incapable or unwilling to provide adequate legal assistance to the soldier.

Some military lawyers believe distrust of the military's legal system is common. The soldier wonders if the Army lawyer is going to go all-out for him. He often has the mistaken idea that the lawyer works for the commander and the commander rates both the soldier and the lawyer. Some soldiers believe it is more advisable to hire a civilian lawyer than to seek help from a military lawyer.

Such a hostile attitude is difficult to break down, and it damages the soldier, for such preconceived ideas are wrong. Military lawyers rank high in their profession. Only qualified lawyers may apply and they are carefully screened and evaluated before acceptance into the Judge Advocate General Corps.

The average young lawyer comes

into the Army as a captain with a three-year service obligation. His primary concern is providing the best possible legal service for his soldier clients. He knows from the start that he will be rated on his professional competence and the quality of his legal work.

Some soldiers believe military lawyers are greatly influenced by military commanders. Major Eckhardt, Staff Judge Advocate at Presidio has said, "Command influence is more a myth than a reality. Take a look at what has happened where there has been even a suspicion of command influence. When it has not been sufficiently proved that command influence wasn't present. There have been orders for new hearings and a commander who exercises command influence is subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice." (USC Advocate Oct. 15, 1974)

In addition to providing top-notch legal services in an unbiased setting, the SJA attorney can offer other advantages that a civilian lawyer can't. The civilian lawyer must budget his time to make a living. In some states, the minimum recommended bar fee is \$30 an hour. The average cost of a

civilian lawyer could run between \$500 to \$1,000 for a special court-martial.

The military lawyer doesn't have to worry about time sheets. Many of them will spend up to 30 hours or more if necessary preparing the defense for a simple AWOL case. And the military lawyer doesn't have to worry about the costs of preparing for a trial.

For example, in cases where medical evidence is needed, it is provided at Army expense. If witnesses are located long distances from the scene of the trial, the Army will provide transportation and billeting for the witnesses so they can be at the trial. All services are provided free for the accused soldier. Communications with the Army lawyer are privileged in the legal sense just as they would be in the civilian community. As your lawyer, he may not disclose information you give him unless he has your permission to do so and superior officers can't order him to give out such information.

The military lawyer cannot represent a soldier in most civilian court proceedings but he can usually refer him to legal aid associations if he needs civilian legal counsel.

Soldiers who believe the military's legal system will not give them an even break are wrong. F. Lee Bailey, well-known trial lawyer, author, and advocate of legal

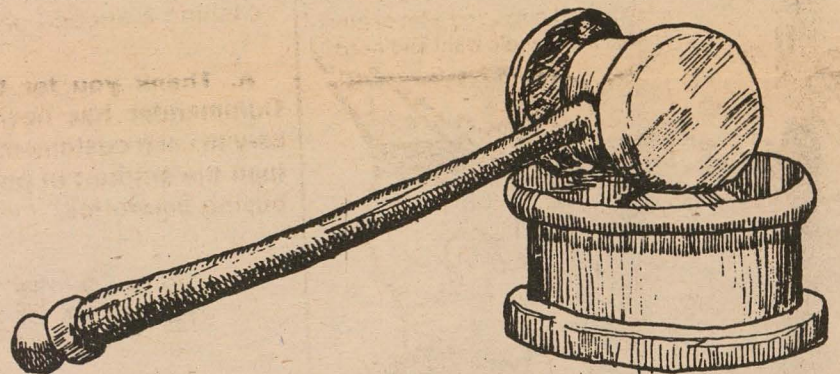
reform should be based on the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Bailey stated that military justice gives the defendant a better break than the civilian system of justice.

Major Eckhardt pointed out that the military legal system has an intricate system of checks and counter-checks, each designed to protect the accused. In many cases, a soldier appearing before a court-martial has greater protection than an individual similarly accused in a state court.

The fact that the Army financially supports the accused is a tremendous advantage over the civilian system. In most civilian situations, the accused has little, or no, money to pay for his defense. In many cases, he may plead guilty to a lesser charge because he can't afford to hire a lawyer or because he must use a legal aide who is overworked.

In the military system of justice, the defendant has many direct financial supports in his favor. First, he receives his pay until the month following his sentencing. Second, he is given the opportunity to accept an appointed military lawyer or choose a military counsel to his liking, if he is reasonably available. The accused may in fact be represented by both the appointed lawyer and the counsel of his choice.

In addition, if the defendant hires a civilian attorney at his own expense, the attorney can be aided by a military lawyer at no cost. This financial



reform, has long stated that the military legal system is more modern and fair than the legal processes in many civilian courts. Bailey and other advocates of legal reform have often stated that many states should reform their legal processes and that

backing by the military offers more choice to the defendant than any other system of justice. Only in the military justice system is it insured that the defendant will have enough to pay for his legal rights.

What an Army lawyer can do for you

Your Army lawyer does a lot more than handle court cases. Here is a sampling of the services provided by the Staff Judge Advocate's office at Presidio. Your particular problem may not be on the list but don't hesitate to seek help for any legal problems you may have.

WILLS

This is a standard problem the soldier may want legal assistance with. If you're concerned about providing for someone particular upon your death, want to change your will, or want to appoint guardians for your children in the event of the death of you and your wife, an SJA officer can draw up a simple will. It's also a good idea to review your will periodically to make sure it's up to date.

DEBT COUNSELING

Soldiers may face problems because of an inability to pay debts or they may be having problems with letters of indebtedness. Any soldier who is having problems with bills or who believes he is being hounded about a debt which he believes he shouldn't have to pay should seek legal help.

Sometimes a soldier may find himself hopelessly in debt with no apparent way out. In such a case, the SJA officer can advise him on the wisdom and process of declaring bankruptcy.

DIVORCE

Legal help is often sought by a soldier who either wants a divorce or is faced with a divorce or support action by his wife. Usually, if the wife is seeking a divorce, the soldier's main concern is with properly settlement, custody of children, or with the amount of support payments.

It may be desirable to delay the proceedings until the man can return to his home area to protect his interests or until he can work out an agreement with his wife. The SJA officer can assist in arranging the necessary delay and can offer advice concerning a divorce.

POWERS OF ATTORNEY

Another valuable service provided by the SJA office is the preparation of powers of attorney. By filling out a power of attorney, a soldier can give another person power to use the soldier's money to pay debts or make

purchases; buy, sell or lease cars, real estate or other property for him; or make deposits or withdrawals on the soldier's bank account.

CLAIMS

The SJA office has a claims office which helps the soldier receive reimbursement for items which are damaged, stolen or destroyed in the course of military duties. Items shipped in hold baggage may be damaged on the way to their destination. In such cases, the soldier may be paid for all or part of the loss, depending on the type of items involved and their age.

Losses from theft are recoverable through filing a claim with the SJA office. The property, however, must have been properly secured at the time of the theft.

OTHER PROBLEMS

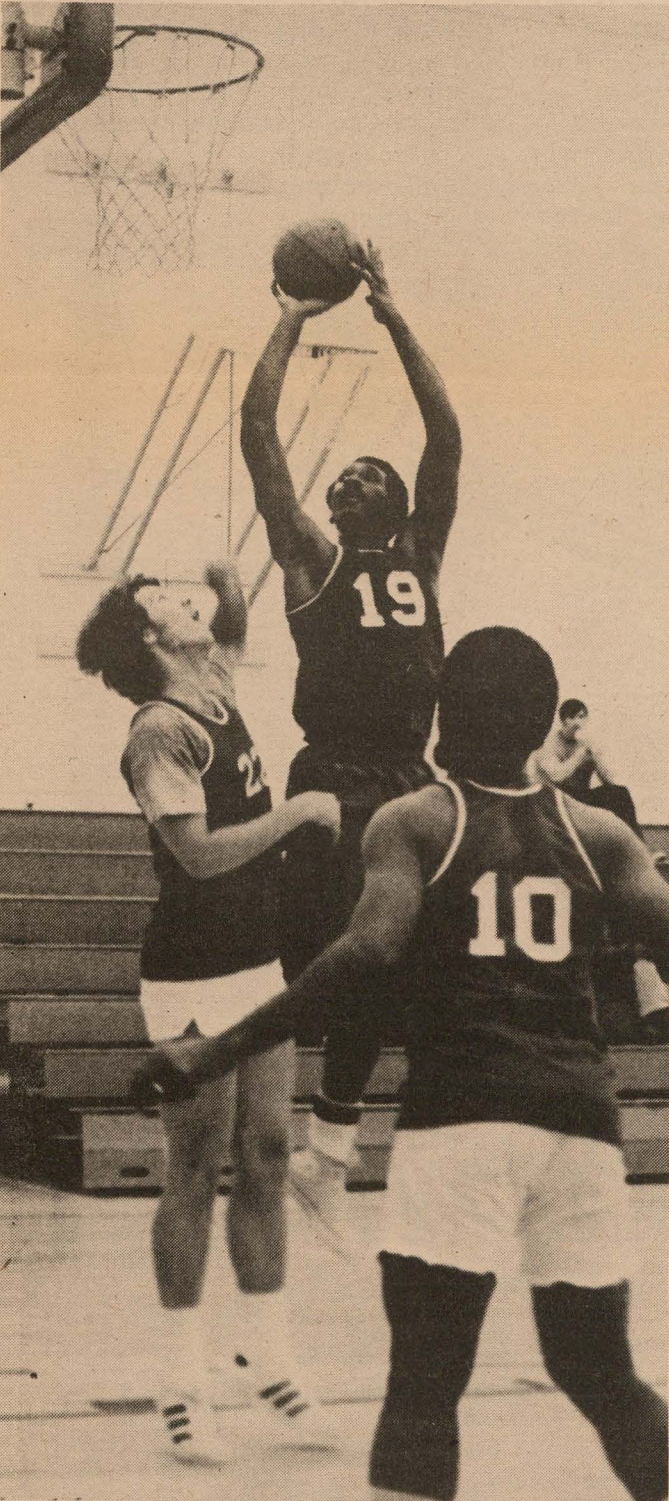
An SJA officer may be able to help with problems other than those listed here, or he may be able to send you to someone who can give you the help you need.

The main thing to remember is: if you think you need help, ask for it before it's too late.

Are you adding to a major oil spill?

This Week's All-Army Games*

Feb. 4 Pacific AAU Champions 7:30 p.m. Post Gym
Feb. 5 Martinez Muirs 7:30 p.m. Post Gym
Feb. 10 Pacific AAU Champions 7:30 p.m. Post Gym
*All games open to the public. Admission is free.



Army's Melvin Evans goes up for a jump shot against the Martinez Muirs Wednesday night in the post Gym. The All-Army squad downed Martinez, who was billed as their toughest opponents to date, 134-103 in 60 minutes of play. Bob Sherwin led Army in the opening period pumping in 20 points in 13 minutes. Coach Hal Fischer called it his team's best performance to date. Martinez, was reportedly displeased with the game's outcome. They will be back for a rematch Wednesday (Feb. 5) in the Post Gym at 7:30 p.m. bringing former ABA players Willie Wise and Lloyd Priestly. Priestly played last week.

(Department of Fish and Game) — If you change your own crankcase oil, what do you do with the old oil?

A lot of people apparently just pour it down the storm sewer or bury it in a hole in the backyard. Either way, there is a good chance that most of this oil eventually gets into a stream or lake or bay. It constitutes a daily oil spill of major proportions according to the Department of Fish and Game.

"As automobile crankcase oil gets more expensive," says one DFG regional manager, "increasing numbers of people are buying it in bulk or at discount stores instead of service stations. We are seeing more and more evidence of small quantities of oil in our streams and we are fairly sure of the cause, because we also see discarded oil cans along the roads and often near the stream banks."

"We also know that some thoughtless people are pouring their waste oil down the nearest storm drain on their street. Unfortunately, storm drains frequently empty into a nearby stream."

It is a violation of the state fish and game code to permit any harmful substance to get into state waters. DFG wardens are constantly citing industries and small businesses which permit quantities of oil or other harmful substances to get into the water.

"We have cases where businessmen have had to pay stiff fines for releasing only a few gallons," says the manager, "but it is difficult to detect and arrest the small individual polluter, yet what he is doing could add up to thousands of gallons a day in California."

The American Petroleum Institute estimates

that approximately one billion gallons of motor oils are sold each year in the United States, and that about 450 million gallons of this is eventually improperly disposed of as waste resulting in environmental pollution.

DFG biologists say that we can't assume that just because this pollution occurs over a wide area a little at a time, it is not harmful. A small quantity of oil has a potential for killing fish or the organisms that fish feed on wherever it is. And that potential when multiplied by hundreds or thousands adds up to a sizeable environmental problem.

What can you do with your old oil?

That is a sticky problem, according to spokesmen for several major oil companies. If you are on good terms with your local service station dealer, he may be willing to take it off your hands.

Some service stations are able to sell their used crankcase oil to re-refining companies; others have to pay to have it taken away for safe disposal. Some dealers may be a bit reluctant to take your waste oil without selling you new oil to replace it.

Another possibility is for you to take the oil to a re-refinery yourself. These businesses are listed in the yellow pages of the telephone book and there may be one near you.

Failing this, the Department of Fish and Game has another suggestion: let your environmental conscience overrule your economic considerations and have the local service station change your oil. Your waste oil will then be reprocessed properly.

Garrison, 504th tied for Commander's Cup lead

U.S. Army Garrison and HHD 504th MP Battalion remained tied for first place in the 1975 Commander's Cup race according to statistics released by the Presidio Sports Department Feb. 1.

Each unit has accumulated 107 in the tabulation which includes 23 units. Garrison and the 504th were tied for first at the end of the first quarter of the race in October.

The Feb. 1 figures include points earned for team entries in basketball and bowling as well as the January sports council meeting. It does not reflect current team standings.

The Commander's Cup is presented annually to the unit with the best participation in the Presidio sports program. Point totals reflect where a team finishes in intramural play, how many competitions it enters, how many players it places on post level teams and its attendance at monthly sports councils and scheduled clinics.

Competition for the 1975 Commander's Cup began July 1 and will end June 30, 1975.

U.S. Army Garrison.....	107
HHD 504th MP Battalion.....	107
LAIR.....	89
Letterman.....	84
Support Element.....	69
Corps of Engineers.....	69
170th MP Company.....	69
864th Engineers.....	67
51st Engineers.....	67
16th Base Post Office.....	65½
Western Recruiting.....	63
525th MI Group.....	61½
Medical Lab.....	54
402nd MP Company.....	53
163rd MP Detachment.....	47½
Courier Station.....	41
Communications Command.....	35
Readiness Group Presidio.....	29½
Armed Forces Police.....	20
Public Health.....	10
Harbor Craft.....	10
CID.....	9
Personnel & Accounting.....	5

Youth basketball playoffs this week

Best-of-three playoff competition in the Presidio Youth Basketball League is scheduled to continue this week with games Feb. 3 and Feb. 6 at the Post Gym.

At press time, the final playoff spot in the majors was undecided with the Spurs and the Warriors scheduled to meet Friday in a game that will decide second place in their division. A Warrior win would tie them for second with the Celtics, requiring a tie-breaker game Saturday.

Youth playoff games are between the first and second place team in each division.

In minor division action, the Knicks and the

Bullets clash again today (Feb. 3) at 4:15 p.m. for the second game of their series. They were scheduled to play the first Saturday. If necessary, the two clubs will play a third game Thursday at 4:15 p.m.

If no tiebreaker was needed between the Warrior and Celtics, major league playoff games will follow each minor league contest at 5:15 p.m. with the Spurs taking on the runnerup in their division. If the tiebreaker was played the major division playoffs will begin tonight and continue Thursday with a third game scheduled according to the availability of the gym.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

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LAIR	4	7	16th Base Post Office	2	8	Pistons	0	8
Public Health	4	7	51st Engineers	2	9	Minor League (9-12 years)		
170th MP Company	1	9	864th Engineers	1	8	Bullets	6	2
Support Element	0	14				Knicks	6	2
						76'ers	4	3
						Sonics	2	5
						Trailblazers	1	7

Presidio observes Black History Week



BLACK HISTORY WEEK

"Fulfilling America's Promise" is the theme of 1975's Black History Week, February 9-16. Various units on the Presidio have prepared a wide variety of historical and cultural events which provide a unique opportunity to learn more about ourselves and our country. The entire Presidio military and civilian community is cordially invited to participate in the following events:

Monday Feb. 10, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

Logistics Control Agency will host "Employment and the black American". Speakers will be Mr. Roy Benham, Civilian Personnel Officer, PSF; Ms Cynthia Gray, Executive Assistant to the Federal Executive Board and President of the SF Chapter of Federal Employed Women; and Mr. Curtis Green, General Manager of SF Municipal Railway. Buffet-type refreshments will be available. Military and civilian personnel who desire to attend will be released from duty for the purpose of attendance.

Black Disciples will host a transcendental meditation session at the Recreation Center from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Recreation Center

Letterman Army Medical Center will host an evening's activities featuring:

At 5:30 p.m., pot-luck soul-food supper. Everyone is invited, with or without a food contribution.

At 6 p.m., Mr. James Smalley will perform Creole & West Indian songs.

At 6:30 p.m., Ms. Alberta Henry and Ms Millie Foster will perform Gospel songs and spirituals. Ms Henry is a noted poet, humorist and singer. Ms Foster is currently appearing in "Evolution of the Blues."

At 7:30 p.m., Dr. James Mays of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital in Los Angeles will speak on "Black Perspectives in Medicine-Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow."

At 8 p.m., Black-oriented games will be played.

Wednesday, Feb. 12:

At 8 - 10 p.m., at the Recreation Center, black-oriented games will be played.

At 8 p.m. - 1 a.m., at the NCO/EM Club, Dr. Webb's Record Hop will feature soul music.

Thursday, Feb. 13, 8-10 p.m. at the Recreation Center

The "Night Stalkers" will provide live music for dancing and a fashion show featuring black clothing styles will be held.

Friday, Feb. 14, 8 - 10 p.m. at the Recreation Center

black history games

Saturday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m. - 1:30 a.m. at the NCO/EM Club

An Afro-American Ball featuring "Highway 1's" live music and a country soul-food buffet.

Sunday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m. at the Post Chapel

Guest minister, Rev. Charles H. Lee of Downs Memorial United Methodist Church will preside over a worship experience. Rev. Lee will be accompanied by his Gospel choir, directed by Mrs. Zephyr Ward.

Throughout the week the Post Library will display literature of special relevance to Black History Week.

Sunday, 11 a.m.

Guest priest, Father James Matthews of St. Louis Bertron Parish, Oakland, and Chaplain Fox will be the celebrants of an 11 a.m. mass at the Chapel of Our Lady.

Presidio News Notes

Enlisted Wives Club

The Presidio Enlisted Wives Club will hold its monthly luncheon, Tuesday, February 18, 11:30 a.m., at the Vinter Restaurant, 1875 Union Street, San Francisco. Members and their guests are asked to attend. For reservations and information please call Mrs. Al Domine at 561-3779.

Members, please note that the Social Meeting for February has been canceled.

Square Dancing

Want to meet people, make friends and have one whale of a good time? Give square dancing a whirl! A beginners class will start at the Recreation Center at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 12th, and will be held weekly. Sign up for the class at the beginning session on the 12th or on the 19th. Membership will then be closed until a new class starts in September. For further information call Al Domine (561-3779) or Lucy Andrus (561-2928).

Evening in Chinatown

All Presidio personnel, military and civilian, are invited to attend an evening of gourmet food and a bilingual play on Saturday, March 1. There will be an eight-course Chinese dinner followed by an original play which includes many classical Chinese dances. For detailed information and reservations, contact the Ticket Information Service, Bldg. 135, telephone 5480.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are now held at the Rap Center, Bldg. 201, every Wednesday, at noon. Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are open to anyone who has a desire to stop drinking.

Want to Be A Scout?

Now is the time. The Boy Scout's of America (B.S.A.) Troop 77 at the Presidio is recruiting members. Get in on the fun of camping, hiking, swimming, and many of the other fun things with boys of your own age.

Enjoy weekends, the camporees, and two week summer camps. There are many other benefits you can enjoy. Let the B.S.A. turn your boy power into man power.

Scouting is for boys who have completed the fifth grade or who are 11 through 17 years of age. It is designed to develop character, mental and physical fitness, and good citizenship. The focus

is on rounding out one's physical and mental fitness through a vigorous program of activities. Boys join *patrols* and elect their own *patrol-leader*. They meet once a week as a *troop* under the guidance of a *scoutmaster*. A boy joins as a scout and can achieve tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, star, and Eagle progress awards. Join now and get in on all the fun.

For further information contact Col. A.C. Gomez at 2700, Cpt. D. Nicholas, at 4647, SFC. Al Lujan at 3710/387-6535 or Mr. Ben Kvitky Director of Youth Activities.

Health and Gourmet

Foods at PX

Health and gourmet foods are now being sold at Post Exchange Store #3, across from Crissy Field. Sixty-four different food items are now being sold, including grain foods, salt-free foods, health cookies, juices, herb teas, and yogurts. Customers may special order any item that is not stocked. Special orders, of such items, however, are usually made in case lots.

Mrs. Lois Terrel, assistant manager, stated that no merchandise now being sold will be removed to make space for the additional food items but existing merchandise will be rearranged.

"Customers have expressed an interest in these food items," she said, "and we're stocking them to provide the fullest possible service for our patrons."

The commissary formerly stocked 300 to 400 different kinds of health and organic foods and vitamins. The commissary, however, discontinued sale of such items in November because they were not authorized for vendor stockage and there are not enough employees to stock such items on the shelves. (In vendor stockage, the salesman places the items on the shelves.)

Family Unity Month

Mayor Joseph Alioto, mayor of San Francisco, has proclaimed February as Family Unity Month and religious denominations throughout the Bay Area are sponsoring activities in support of the occasion.

For detailed information on the Family Home Evening program, call the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. For information on family oriented programs sponsored by Catholic Social Services, call 387-8200 in San Francisco or 479-



ARMY ADDS MP BADGE—This new military police badge will soon become the symbol of law enforcement by MPs while in garrison. The traditional MP brassard is being retained for wear by personnel when required to wear field and work uniforms. The badge will be worn by all MP's authorized to wear the brassard, including Guardsmen and Reservists, while on duty. Adoption came after troops expressed an interest and desire in having a uniform ID badge. Use of the badge while wearing civilian clothing is specifically prohibited.

1970 in Marin. Information on family oriented programs sponsored by other denominations may be obtained from that particular denomination.

New OMPF Review

There's a change in the way the official military personnel files (OMPF) of soldiers eligible for promotion are being sent out for review.

Reproduced copies of the OMPF will be mailed directly to eligible soldiers with instructions for individual reviews enclosed in the packets. Visits by personnel teams, as originally planned, were cancelled due to TDY fund limitations.

Eligible soldiers who have not received their records by Feb. 18, should call the Enlisted Records Center, autovon 299-3233.

Previously, DA announced the experimental review of records by eligible soldiers was being conducted to evaluate the completeness of their OMPF.

Project AHEAD offers solid opportunities

By Barbara K. Filbert

San Francisco State University is one of nearly 30 colleges and universities in the Bay Area participating in the Army's new program of cooperative education. The program is called "Project AHEAD" (Army Help for Education and Development) and is designed to allow soldiers to attend college and earn credit while they are on active duty. Thus far, more than 800 colleges and universities are participating in the program throughout the United States.

Sergeant First Class Pete Bartlett is one of the first in the Bay Area to join Project AHEAD in cooperation with San Francisco State, where he has been a full-time student for the last year.

Presently, Pete is assigned to the Recruiting Command at Fort Baker, where he is an administrative supervisor. Going into his junior year at State, he is majoring in Urban Studies and hopes to have his degree within the next year. For the past five years Pete has been attending night school at several universities throughout the United States, since his duty assignments have taken him to a variety of places.

When he first heard about the program he talked to Dr. Charles A. Stone, Associate Dean of Admissions and Records at State, and the program monitor. Upon accep-

ance into the program Pete was assigned an academic counselor. Working closely with his counselor, a program of study was designed which is focused on his career goals.

The unique feature of Project AHEAD is that individuals know ahead of time which courses they'll need for credit at the school from which they will graduate. Too often, people in the service have taken college courses from one school, only to learn that these courses couldn't apply towards their degree.

In Pete's case he is well into his concentrated area of study. "I feel the most valuable aspect of this cooperative system is the professional guidance I receive from my academic advisor in developing my program of education."

"Currently, I'm programmed to go overseas, but I still plan to continue my education through the local on-post education centers. Those courses which I think can be applied towards my degree must have the written approval of my counselor at State. Then, I'm all set," he added. And credits for these courses will be transferred back to his home college, where his records are maintained.

"Project AHEAD is a program that benefits everybody involved — the soldier, the college, and the Army," says Dr. Stone, a re-

tired Air Force officer who organized the University of Maryland's on-post educational program while he was on active duty in England.

Service men and women enrolled in Project AHEAD can earn up to 30 college credits by taking the College Level Entrance Program tests, administered by the Army. Additionally, soldiers are given college credit for certain military experience.

Courses recommended by a college counselor are taken at education centers, local colleges, or through extension courses offered by the home college. Class attendance may be arranged during on-duty time as well as during off-duty time.

Men and women affiliated with Project AHEAD at the time they enter the Army can use the expanded GI Bill to complete their degree requirements after concluding their active duty obligation. While students are soldiers, up to 75 percent of the tuition costs may be covered by the Army.

Army education centers are backing the program with dynamic educational programs on every installation. Support of Project AHEAD is backed by chain of commands through on-duty study with aggressive off-duty programs.

The Army sees the program as a great opportunity for it to upgrade the educational level of its volunteer soldier.

AN EDITORIAL

By SSG Jim Rodgers

They rise above prejudice

The real history of black people in America is not written in ink; it is written in blood and tears. Black history is that of a race enchained — first by slavery and then by segregation and discrimination. Versions of black history have found their way into some text books but in many cases, those versions are unrealistic, making it seem that the black experience in America is very similar to the white experience. This has not been the case.

Men and women of most races in America are born here and face the future they face because their ancestors chose to come to America. The early lives of many people in America was difficult but it cannot begin to compare with that of the black race who came to America as slaves.

The human degradation, misery and brutality of the slave trade was stupendous. Foraging up and down West Africa, the slave traders drove their victims — naked and chained like cattle — to the coast where they were examined for defects, branded with hot irons and clapped into the holds of waiting slave ships. Historical documents report that many slaves were chained by the neck and leg to shelves no more than 18 inches high for a voyage that would last two to three months. Many black people went insane and even more died. Sharks followed slave ships across the Atlantic to devour black men and women who were thrown overboard because they were sick, insane or had died.

This was the introduction of the black race to America — an introduction, not of hope, but of despair, a despair that has marked every minute of 300 years of black history in the "Promised Land". Such despair can be doubted only by non-blacks. For the black man, woman and child, it became a very real and tragic part of life.

It was a despair that built up during the years in which a black man was regarded as an alien creature with an alien skin in an alien world. To be black was to be born into a society which spelled out with brutal clarity, and in as many ways as possible, that the black man was worthless because of his color.

It is not a history that was meekly accepted. For centuries, black men and women have struggled to break the chains of bondage. In a society where the suppression of human liberties ranged from enslavement to segregation, from police harassment to the murder of black leaders,

their resistance took many forms. Some black leaders armed themselves and their followers. Many worked to institute radical and important changes in the social and political structures of America. Their methods were different, their goal was the same — freedom. They have lived through the sit-ins, lie-ins, stand-ins, and kneel-ins that created a new vocabulary of social protest in America, the gestures of affirmation and conscience which are an essential part of the civil rights movement.

It is a history written by those who were jailed because of their desire to be free and equal in our time, by those who were manhandled by mobs and police and those who saw their homes and churches bombed. It was written by those who learned they couldn't rent an apartment or buy a home in certain areas, who were turned away from jobs and denied positions of responsibility, who weren't welcome in many schools — because of the color of their skin.

It also is a history written by men and women who overcame preju-

Although the struggle for freedom and equal rights has been essentially non-violent, the black race has had its battlegrounds. In the history books of the future, Little Rock, Birmingham, Selma and Montgomery may have the same ring as



"History has thrust upon our generation an indescribably important destiny — to complete a process of democratization which our nation has too long developed too slowly. How we deal with this crucial situation will determine our moral health as individuals, our cultural health as a region, our political health as a nation, and our prestige as a leader of the free world."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. — 1958

dice to become some of the greatest leaders, statesmen, teachers and scientists of our time. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Thurgood Marshall; Shirley Chisholm; A. Phillip Randolph and George Washington Carver are only a few of the thousands of black men and women who have branded their names forever upon the pages of history.

If the accomplishments of black people had never been made, civilization today would be lacking many great works of music, many pieces of good literature, many scientific advancements, many laws passed for the good of all humankind.

Many great black people played an important part in the civil rights movement but black history does not consist of the accomplishments of isolated men and women. Much of black history was made, and is being made, by those who wore the chains of bondage before and after the Civil War.

Shiloh, Gettysburg and Vicksburg of the Civil War. The black race has found heroes in the leaders who have led the fight for equality, in the thousands of followers who have demonstrated and gone to jail, in the hundreds of black children who have braved the curses of whites in order to enter newly integrated schools. They have had martyrs in Medger Evers, the NAACP worker who was slain in Mississippi, in the six children killed in the Birmingham bombing, and in the unknown number of others who dedicated their life to equality.

The blacks' quest for equality has been a slow, agonizing dismantling of the status quo that has taken many years. That quest has been a major part of black history, history that is unique, history that is still unfolding.

Regardless of how it is written, the simple theme of that history is the request, "Let us be free. Give us a man's chance in a man's world!" It is time we began to understand that history and to respond to it.

The black soldier

Most periodicals and history books refer to them as "soldiers of color"; coloreds, Negroes and blacks

But the labels don't matter.

What is important is that history reflects and gives due credit to the role the black soldier has played in the military affairs of the United States.

Colonial Period

As the French and Indian Wars (1689-1763) drained off increasing numbers of white males, the black free-men and slaves became much more important to the colonial rulers — and to the colonists.



A solemn peal of church bells rang out across Boston. It was March 8, 1770. Behind the coffins of five Americans walked militia — men of all ranks.

The five men had been slain by British Redcoats three days before in a small street battle that was to lead to the Revolutionary War. One of the men killed in that now-famous "Boston Massacre" was a black named Crispus Attucks.

The death of Attucks as the first man to fall in the fight for American freedom has been viewed as a first symbol of the black hope to share in that freedom.

It's a little-known fact that the black volunteers were among the group of Minutemen who responded to the alarm raised by Paul Revere; and among the group which barred the march of the British Grenadiers on Lexington and Concord in April, 1775.

But the use of black manpower in the Revolutionary War was not a clear-cut issue.

It is unlikely that more than 5,000 blacks were included in the 300,000 men who comprised the Revolutionary forces. They served throughout the war — mainly as militiamen, but also as spies and guerillas.

Then, on April 12, 1861, batteries in

the control of South Carolina secessionists fired upon the United States flag that was flying over Fort Sumter.

The Civil War had begun — and the black man was to get yet another chance to fight; this time for his own freedom.

Civil War

Most blacks who became involved in the war trained and fought on a segregated basis. They were not treated equally with the white soldiers, but the majority were less interested in their treatment than in being given the opportunity to fight as free men.

Although most blacks fought for the North, volunteers for both sides were anxious to prove their courage and devotion. They jumped into the fray with rifles blazing.

That the black soldiers fought bravely during the entire war was recognized by leaders of the Union and Confederacy alike. White officers sought to be assigned to the command of black troops and praised them at every juncture of the fighting.

Proudly on their colors they bore the names of the battles where their blood was shed: Port Hudson, Honey Hill, Deveauz Neck, Pocatiglio, Coosa-

watchie, James Island, Willtown Bluffs, and many more.

Over the horizon west of the Civil War battlegrounds, black and white pioneers were struggling to expand the nation in territory occupied by red men.

And out of the West came some "of the most feared cavalrymen ever to ride the plains — the famous "Buffalo Soldiers," a legend in our time.

Buffalo Soldiers

In fact, it took their fearsome opponents, the American Indians, to give the fighting men of the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry a nickname they could be duly proud of: Buffalo Soldiers.

Between 1870 and 1896 these black frontier fighters won 14 Congressional Medals of Honor, and their service in controlling rampaging Indians on the Great Plains was as invaluable as it was unpraised.

Unlike the black patriots of Civil War fame, men of the Ninth and Tenth did not march into battle with drums rolling, bugles blowing and flags flying.

The fighting was fierce and battles sometimes lasted for days. Never did they end while either side had live bodies or gunpowder with which to launch another attack.

The labors of the buffalo soldiers were not limited to fighting Indians. They expanded dozens of posts along the frontier, escorted hundreds of settlers, and mapped thousands of miles of uncharted prairie.

White soldiers took command of the Negro Buffalo Soldiers as their first assignments after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The best-known graduate of these regiments was John Pershing, who earned the nickname of "Black Jack" because of his service with black soldiers.

B.O. Davis Sr., who became the first black general in the U.S. Army during

World War II, also served with the Buffalo Soldiers.

Ten years of constant campaigning were required before the nomads of the Southern Plains — the Comanches, Kiowas, Kiowa-Apaches, Southern Cheyennes and Arapahoes — were defeated and pinned securely within their reservations.

And for another 10 years the Buffalo Soldiers battled the Kickapoos and others, along with Mexican bandits and outlaws who raided, stole and murdered along the Rio Grande.

Relative peace eventually came to the desert and plains. The Buffalo Soldiers had done their part in opening the Southwest. They had fought and died, clearing the way for settlement and development of the virgin lands.

The historical remnant of the all-black Ninth Cavalry remains today in the Second Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, Korea. 1st Battalion Ninth Infantry, earning its title as the "Manchus" in 1900, fighting in Manchuria, now serves in the 2nd Brigade.

In the meantime, trouble was brewing in the Caribbean. Cubans and Spaniards were at odds with each other. To liberate Cuba, the United States sent troops. And on San Juan Hill, the black troopers of the Tenth Cavalry had their day of glory.

Rough Riders

The year was 1898; the event, the Spanish-American War. The goal of American troops: to bring freedom and independence to the Cubans.

Four black American units joined two white battalions of the First Volunteer Cavalry — better known as the Rough Riders. One of their officers was Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, the man who later became President of the United States.

Theodore Roosevelt had words of unqualified praise for the black soldiers. On the occasion of his farewell address to the group of Spanish-American War Veterans he said, "The Spaniards called them 'Smoked Yankees' but we found them to be an excellent breed of Yankees. . ."

The American Army took possession of Santiago on July 17, and the brief war was all but over.

Even after the war had ended and after all their heroics, the black soldiers had not won a permanent spot in the U.S. Army. Their spots were maintained, but skirmishes with white soldier citizens in towns near the black posts gave the troopers nothing but trouble.

The status of the black units was still being pondered when in 1917 the United States entered World War I. And as in the Civil War, the blacks had to fight for the right to die on an equal basis. Then suddenly they were in demand — and once again would prove to be a valuable key to American victory.

World Wars

As in the Civil War, blacks had to literally beg and plead for the right to die on an equal basis with white

marches forward

servicemen. More than 2 million blacks registered for the draft at the beginning of the war, and by mid-year, 1917, some 380,000 mobilized.

Of the estimated 140,000 black troops sent to France, roughly 40,000 saw combat. The remainder carried brooms and shovels through the campaigns of World War I, even though they had been drilled for combat.

Four of the leading regiments of the war were composed of black soldiers: The 369th, the 370th, the 371st and the 273rd. All of the units received the coveted French Croix de Guerre for their bravery.

It is now a sad chapter in our history that these men, finding a new security after emancipation, would be relegated to all-black regiments commanded by white officers.

In 1940 President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Selective Service Act, which contained a clause barring racial discrimination toward men drafted into the armed forces.

Black troop levels dropped commensurately with those of white soldiers after the Armistice of World War I was signed, but the blacks' military stature hit bottom.

It would be 24 years before the black soldiers would again become important "tools" of the Army. They'd help the United States win another world war, but this time receive fair remuneration.

For the black soldier, military equality was "just a war around the corner."

Although black soldiers were congratulated for their battle heroics after World War II had ended, they again found it difficult to get into the mainstream when it began.

A total of 1.2 million black men were inducted into the armed services during the war, and more than half of them saw service in the European and Pacific theaters of operation. Black men constituted about 7.7 per cent of the armed forces, and 9 per cent of the Army.

There were approximately 8,000

black commissioned officers in all of the services, including one general and 10 colonels in the Army.

Despite the hardships, America's black guardians made an admirable record for themselves.

Five hundred black soldiers landed at Omaha Beach on D-Day. At Anzio Beach on January 22, 1944, the 387th Separate Engineer Battalion went ashore to build roads and manage ammunition dumps. Its men unloaded 1,940 tons of material each day for seven days, and the unit was under fire more than any other in the Fifth Army.

War records show that although discrimination did occur within the Army, blacks had a greater opportunity to serve than in any previous war. They were in the infantry, coast and field artillery, cavalry, tank battalions, transportation units, signal corps, engineer corps, medical corps and many other branches.

There were 469 Medals of Honor awarded for unyielding courage during World War II, but none went to blacks.

Korea/Vietnam

In 1948 President Truman adopted the President's Committee on Equal Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services.

This first step, along with the reports of numerous committees and task forces, led to a policy of almost complete integration in the armed forces in the next few years.

By the end of the Korean War, the Army reported that only ten per cent of its 200,000 black soldiers were serving in segregated units.

World War II had been settled; and in winning the war a great battle was also won — the battle of equality for black American soldiers.

Through the Korean War and on into Vietnam, the Armed Forces led the way in the struggle for black equality in all segments of American society.

The integration of the armed forces that had been inaugurated in the closing years of World War II was greatly accelerated in the post-war years by President Truman. And the Korean conflict became an early battlefield test of the policies. Black men were given an early and equal chance to serve.



As the Korean conflict progressed, it became not only an experimental training ground but a transition point for the new integration policy. In the midst of the war and with complete secrecy, the Army deactivated black units and assigned black soldiers to white units. The 9th and 10th Cavalry were transformed into the 509th and 510th Tank Battalions, and the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments were officially deactivated.

In the years that followed the Korean War, black soldiers became increasingly important in the U.S. military posture — in all branches. The segregation practiced in some units early in the Korean conflict was indeed the last vestige.

Then Vietnam — and amidst powerful racial harmony, there was racial strife as well. But as one officer said, "there's only one color here — olive drab."

Federal income tax

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niture donated to Salvation Army, Goodwill and the like. You need a written appraisal from the charity or dealer to verify these.

Interest expenses for mortgage or other loans and finance charges such as those levied by credit card outfits are fully deductible.

IRS also allows deductions for the cost of maintaining fatigues, medical uniforms, mess whites and similar type work clothes. Also deductible are uniform accessories such as insignia, stripes, shoulder patches, ribbons and medals.

Certain business expenses are deductible. Materials and supplies you personally buy for your job fall into this category as do subscription fees for professional journals related to your job and membership fees in professional organizations.

Moving Expenses. Soldiers frequently lose money when moving; the dislocation and mileage payments often aren't enough to cover expenses. IRS has devised Form 2903 for you to claim your excess moving expenses.

To qualify you must PCS 50 miles farther than the distance from your former home to your former job site. You must also be a full time employee in the general location of your new residence for at least 39 weeks during the 12-month period after the move. The 39 weeks may extend into your next tax year. Most PCS moves fulfill this requirement.

Deductible moving expenses fall into three categories. Category A expenses include cost of meals, lodging, travel and the expense of moving household goods. If you're overweight or have to pay for shipping cars or pets and the like you can deduct the expense on 3903. The same goes for losses incurred transporting a mobile home by commercial hauler.

Excess expenses for rail, bus, air and boat are deductible as are your actual auto costs (gas, oil, repairs, etc.) or a standard rate of 7 cents per mile.

Category B, which has a \$1,000 ceiling, covers house hunting travel expenses, meals, lodging, tips and other temporary living expenses in your new location. The period used may cover no more than 30 days in temporary lodging.

Category C expenses are costs you have in selling your house and buying another one at your new duty station. Advance rent or security deposits are not deductible.

After totaling all your moving expenses, subtract any travel mileage reimbursements, dislocation or other allowances. The remainder is your moving expense deduction.

TDY Expenses. When you use the long 1040 tax form to itemize deductions, you can also recover excess temporary duty expenses and other business expenses related to your job by filing IRS Form 2106. With the 2106, you can claim your excess TDY expenses whether you itemize or claim a standard deduction . . . as long as you file the 1040. If you simply break even on TDY and business expenses, don't bother with the 2106 or entering on your 1040 reimbursement payments received.

This month in San Francisco



Flower drum dancers captivate spectators in Union Square during San Francisco's Chinese New Year season. A 60-foot dragon, ceremonial lions,

dancers and Chinatown civic leaders will open the city's Year of the Hare celebration on Saturday, February 15.

February in Chinatown

Most visitors take San Francisco's labyrinthian Chinatown at face value, never browsing beyond Grant Avenue into some of the Occident's most intriguing byways. To the uninitiated, the side streets and alleys of the city's 24-square block Chinese quarter may seem inscrutable. But it is possible to lift the beaded curtain and unlatch the moon gate.

The best time to see Chinatown is during the Chinese New Year season when the whole community is in holiday array. Opportunities to burrow deeper into the oriental community are particularly plentiful this month. The Year of the Hare officially arrives on February 11th and San Francisco's public celebration of the event runs from the 15th through the 23rd. It will be the year

4673, according to the Chinese calendar.

According to the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, the city's public salute to the new year will begin with the annual Miss Chinatown USA pageantry on February 15. Gum Lung, the Great Golden Dragon will participate in the Golden Dragon parade at 7 p.m., February 22. Dancing lions and a friendly dragon will also make the rounds in Union Square at 11:45 on February 15.

Walking through Chinatown provides a close-up of the largest oriental community outside of Asia including Chinese brush painting demonstrations, Chinese butterfly harp and violin performances,

decorative Chinese dwarf trees, centuries old jade and religious artifacts and kung-fu studios. "The Street of Painted Balconies", rice noodle, fortune cookies and Chinese sewing factories, art studios, a dragon temple, newspaper and herb shops, a Buddhist-Taoist temple and a 101-year old mission with hidden passages once used as escape routes for hundreds of Chinese slave girls are other interesting sights.

For detailed information about the city's nine-day Year of the Hare celebration or sightseeing trips through Chinatown, contact the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1390 Market Street, San Francisco, or phone 626-5500.

Books from the post library

FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM; A HISTORY OF NEGRO AMERICANS, 4th ed. by John Hope Franklin. Beginning with the early civilizations in Africa, the author traces the record from Negro origins in Africa, through slavery, to freedom in the Western Hemisphere.

THE BLACK SOLDIER; FROM THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION TO VIETNAM edited by Jay David and Elaine Crane. Triumphs and frustrations of black soldiers told in their own words.

BLACK RAGE by William H. Grier and Price M. Cobbs. Two black psychiatrists show the crippling effects of white American culture on the attempts of Negro Americans to find an identity and a sense of worth.

MY LIFE WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. by Coretta Scott King. The story of family love, faith and courage under the most trying and tragic circumstances.

THE DEATH AND LIFE OF MALCOLM X by Peter Goldman. A moving biography of a complex and extraordinary human being.

LUNCH AT THE 5 & 10 by Miles Wolff. In the spring of 1960 four college students sat down at a lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina — this was the beginning of a revolution.

A BLACK THEOLOGY OF LIBERATION by James H. Cone. The author, a Professor of Theology at Bernard College, explains how the Christian religion is a religion of freedom.

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Corky's Corner

by Charles "Corky" Steinberg

Corky's Corner: or fascinating facts from the world of the Presidio Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Center, soon to be located in its new home, Bldg 276 next to the Commissary Cafeteria.

New evidence that the chronic use of marijuana affects male reproductive physiology was revealed at the 60th Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Robert C. Kolodny and co-workers at the Reproductive Biology Research Foundation and the Missouri Clinical and Biochemical Laboratory, St. Louis, MO, found that men who use marijuana at least four days per week for a minimum of six months had lower levels of the male hormone, testosterone, in their blood than men who did not use the drug.

Alcohol

Research into the effects of "Alcohol and Consciousness" was developed by Ben Morgan Jones, Associate Director of the Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and his colleague at the center, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Oscar A. Parsons and published in the Jan, 1975 issue of "Psychology Today". They report on the "eloquent but spacey" ability to certain long-term drinkers to remain keenly able to talk a "blue streak."

"Anyone who has ever known a good writer who was also a drunk will understand this instantly." Parsons and Jones, while investigating the validity of folk legends (surrounding

the drinking of "Spiritus liquors") find that "data from repeated studies in our laboratory indicate that alcoholics are just as intelligent verbally as non-alcoholics, but that some aspects of their non-verbal spatial and visual performance is decidedly inferior. This suggests that the usually dominant left hemisphere of the brain, which is primarily responsible for language, suffers less from years of heavy drinking than the right hemisphere.

"There is a potential practical result as well", they say, "for it could lead us to change some of our commonest therapies for long term alcoholics. A *highly verbal* chronic drinker may convince other people as well as himself that there is nothing fundamentally wrong with him."

Often a drunk can convince everyone, including himself that he can drive home; and although he *thinks* he can (left hemisphere less effected by alcohol) he is physiologically ill disposed to *perform* such a task (right hemisphere far more vulnerable to alcohol, which may be the reason that alcohol is involved in 50% of all highway fatalities.)

"The drinker," say the researchers, "is just not aware of the changes. The most basic changes, eluding his own consciousness as well as the awareness of otherw, may lie within the right hemisphere."

If you should wish further information regarding these findings, please call Corky and friends at 5433 (LIFE) we will be glad to answer any questions.

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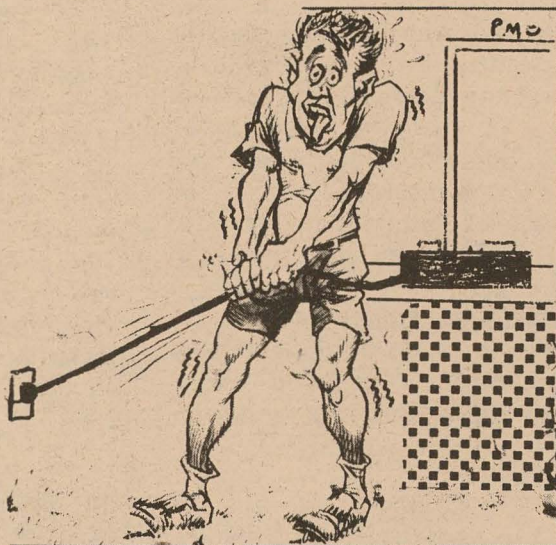
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INDICATE: NEED A RIDE, WILL DRIVE IN POOL, WILL SHARE EXPENSES

The Adventures of CAPTAIN POWER

In our last episode, we left Captain Power after he had been warned against sticking his finger into the reel of the tape recorder. With the swift reaction of a super-hero, Captain Power quickly switched his grip to the power cable, shorting it out.

The surge of electricity turns Captain Power back into Lt. Myron Whimple just as Captain Strunk, his company commander, charges into the room.



"Lt. Whimple, where in blue blazes have you been! I came here to report you as AWOL. You haven't been in that company for days!"



"But, sir, I've been Captain Power."



"I get it. The strain of messkit repair has been too much for you. Let's get back to the company. You'll



feel a lot better after you take care of all the messkits that have built up since your disappearance."



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With the April 15 federal income tax deadline still two months away, many people are in the process of computing their federal income tax. Though seldom a pleasant experience, figuring your income tax can be less confusing if you understand the basics.

The following guidelines should help. Pay attention even if you have already filed your return. Knowing what to look for in the upcoming months might save you money on next year's return.

A reminder that these are only guidelines —

as increase, accrues—you have a choice), interest on Series H Bonds, money received from part time employment (both on and off post), dividends (less a \$100 exclusion or a \$200 exclusion on a joint return when both husband and wife earned \$100 in dividends) and state income tax refunds that you deducted in an earlier year.

Tax Exempt Incomes These incomes are exempt from federal tax: quarters allowance, subsistence allowance, clothing allowance, family separation allowance, state bonuses to active soldiers and veterans, VA benefits, veterans

tions total more than 15 per cent of your income or if they exceed \$2,000, then you should itemize. Remember that you must be ready to prove your deductions with cancelled checks or paid receipts.

What can you deduct? Medical and dental expenses not covered by an insurance program may be deducted. These include fees for medicine and drugs, doctors and dentists, hospitals, laboratory work, orthopedic shoes, artificial limbs, wheelchairs, hearing aids, eyeglasses, dentures, traveling costs for medical care (at

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Application for Automatic...
line 23 return...
payable on check or money order to Internal Revenue Service.

A federal income tax primer

to show you what to look for. Consult your unit tax advisor or another tax specialist for answers to any specific questions you may have concerning your return.

What income is taxable? All military pay is subject to federal income tax unless specifically exempted. This includes base pay; special pay; TDY, per diem, PCS and travel allowances in excess of your expenses; reenlistment bonuses; proficiency pay; retirement pay and hostile fire duty pay.

Taxable income also includes: commissions, fees, tips, interest from uniformed service savings deposits, soldier's deposits, lump sum severance pay and pay from accrued leave unless earned in a combat zone.

Add to the list: increase in value of Series E U.S. Savings Bonds (either when the bond is cashed or

insurance dividends, station housing allowance, cost of living allowance and federal social security benefits.

Interest from municipal bonds and life insurance dividends are also tax exempt. Inherited or willed gifts, money and property are subject to state tax controls but are federally tax exempt.

Also exempt are severance pay and temporary or permanent disability retirement pay elected on the basis or percentage of your disability. (The U.S. Army Finance Center computes such exclusions from retired Army pay.)

Should you itemize deductions? The Internal Revenue Service allows a standard deduction of 15 per cent of the adjusted gross income (to a maximum of \$2,000) without itemizing. This is enough for most people. If you think your deduc-

seven cents a mile or the actual costs of the trips) and premiums paid on medical insurance.

Some taxes are deductible such as real estate property, personal property, state and local income tax, general state sales tax, gasoline taxes and foreign taxes on income and real estate property. Also, general sales taxes on cars, airplanes, boats, new home building materials and mobile homes.

Taxes you cannot deduct are: Federal income, social security, Federal excise taxes or any other federal tax, inheritance taxes or taxes on cigarettes and tobacco.

Contributions to qualified charitable organizations are deductible. These may be religious, scientific, or educational. You can also deduct personal property such as used clothing and fur-

(see page 5)

Celtics, Bullets win youth playoffs

The Bullets held off a second half Knick surge to down the Knicks 23-21 Feb. 3 for the minor division championship of the Presidio Youth Basketball League.

It was the second in a best-of-three series between the two clubs. The Bullets won the first meeting 22-19.

In the second game, the Bullets led the Knicks 14-20 at the end of the first half and held on for the win despite being outscored 11-9 in the final period.

The Knicks' James Saul was high scorer in the two-game playoff with

27 points. Mike Barton of the Bullets was second with 26.

Feb. 3					
Bullets	14	9 — 23			
Knicks	10	11 — 21			
Bullets		Knicks			
Dill	4	Silvernail	0		
Slone	0	Wright	0		
Barton	11	Harrison	9		
Simmons	3	Collins	0		
Neely	0	Lundy	0		
Pate	0	Robben	0		
Harms	0	Saul	12		
Duncan	5	Farmer	0		
Gadaleta	0	Total	21		
Total	23				

Carl Sims and Doug Slone combined for 23 points and the Celtics put together a tight second-half defense to tumble the Spurs 43-39 Feb. 6 for the major division championship of the Presidio Youth Basketball League.

The Celtics, who finished second to the Spurs in regular season play, fell behind in the early going but pulled within three points at the half and went ahead to stay with 3:37 remaining.

Sims was high man for the Celtics with 12 points. Ted Reyes and Barry Payne each contributed 12 points to the Spurs losing effort.

It was the rubber game of a best of three series between the two clubs. The Celtics won the first contest 27-25 Feb. 1 and the Spurs came back to pull out a 28-25 overtime victory Feb. 3 and tie the series at one game each.

Ted Reyes was the leading scorer in the 13-16 year-old playoffs with 40 points. Doug Slone was second with 38.

The Spurs came out roaring in the first half of the final game. They scored eight straight points from close in before the Celtics finally got on the board with 4:56 remaining in the first eight minute quarter.

A see-saw battle developed during the second half. The Celtics forced several Spur turnovers and out-

scored the Spurs 14-3 in the third quarter. The Spurs overcame a 24-26 deficit at the beginning of the final period and tied the score twice more before the Celtics took the lead for good in the game's final minutes.

Celtics	11	9	14	9	—	43
Spurs	16	7	3	13	—	39
Celtics				Spurs		
Havard	0			Reyes		12
Longerbeam	0			Payne		12
Pate	0			Fuller		4
Nathaniel	2			Yarbrough		0
Sims	12			Ramirez		0
Collins	2			Robinson		5
Rodriquez	8			Dancy		6
Smith	8			Colbert		0
Slone	11			White		0
Total	43			Total		39

Awards ceremony for youth champs

An award ceremony honoring the champions of the Presidio Youth Basketball League will be held Feb. 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the Post Gym.

The ceremony will follow an All-Army basketball game or scrimmage at 2 p.m.

Trophies will be presented to the winners of the youth league's major and minor circuits and the members of each of the league's 10 teams will receive certificates of participation.

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL (Feb. 5)

Presidio League	Won	Lost	Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Letterman #1	12	0	Western Recruiting	10	0
402nd MP Company	10	4	Letterman #2	9	1
Garrison	9	4	Corps of Engineers	7	4
HHD 504th MP Battalion	9	4	666th Radar Squadron	6	4
Public Health	6	8	16th Base Post Office	2	9
LAIR	5	8	51st Engineers	2	10
170th MP Company	2	11	864th Engineers	1	11
Support Element	0	14			

YOUTH LEAGUE (Feb. 5)

Major League (13-16 years)	Won	Lost	Minor League (9-12 years)	Won	Lost
Spurs	6	2	Bullets*	6	2
Celtics *	5	3	Knicks	6	2
Warriors	4	4	76'ers	4	4
Jazz	4	4	Sonics	2	6
Pistons	0	8	Trailblazers	1	7

*clined playoff

Upcoming All-Army Games

Feb. 10	Pacific AAU Champions	7:30 p.m.	Post Gym
Feb. 12	Sacramento Prospectors	8 p.m.	Sacramento Memorial Auditorium
Feb. 15	Orange County All Stars	5:30 p.m.	University of San Francisco
Feb. 16	Orange County All Stars	12 noon	Post Gym
Feb. 16	Santa Rosa All Stars	6 p.m.	Santa Rosa

Presidio Main Post Library
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PFD cited for fire prevention program

The Presidio Fire Department received recognition last week when the National Fire Protection Association announced the results of their annual competition in fire prevention programs.

The Presidio facility, headed by Fire Chief John Chur, placed 20th in the Army branch of military entries. A total of 1,185 fire departments entered the contest.

According to Chief Bill Williams was responsible for the 1974 program which included many improvements in the overall fire prevention efforts at the Presidio.

"We completely revamped the inspection program to provide for a better reporting and follow-up system," said Williams. "Now, where discrepancies are noted during a periodic inspection, we are now going back to that facility to check on corrective action. And, we are getting back to them in a much shorter time-frame than was previously the case," Williams added.

A definite improvement was noted in the Presidio program from 1973 to 1974. Total calls dropped

from 716 to 550. Actual fire calls numbered only 74.

In 1973, government property worth \$163,972.00 was lost in fires on the Presidio and its sub-posts. In 1974, the figure dropped to \$1,505.00.

The National Fire Protection Association contest is an international competition designed to provide recognition for positive efforts in the field of fire prevention. Awards are made on the basis of reports and exhibits submitted by the individual fire departments.

The contest aims to stimulate universal fire safety consciousness and to encourage a wider use of modern techniques in both public and private prevention efforts.

The 1974 contest marked the 48th annual such event sponsored by the association.

Judging is conducted in five general areas: fire protection organization; fire department training and fire prevention activities; fire prevention week activities; fire prevention week and overall publicity; and results.



Fire Captain Gene Day hands fire prevention literature to Rozanne Hall, wife of Major Roger C. Hall, as daughter Kathryn smiles approval of the safety program.

Police ask for cooperation

Property thefts increase at Presidio

By John Chambers

Following a pattern reported in the city of San Francisco, property thefts at the Presidio increased last month reaching their highest level in more than a year according to figures released by the Provost Marshal's Office.

The trend closely approximates one announced by the San Francisco Police Department which said January robberies in the city were up 12 per cent, burglaries 19 per cent and larcenies over \$50 up 14 per cent over January 1974.

At the Presidio, 60 property thefts were reported — a 20 per cent increase over January 1974.

Both military and civilian police officials attribute the rise to current economic conditions. They say thieves are concentrating on cash or items that are easily converted to cash.

Presidio police investigators are calling on people here to become involved in stopping thefts by safeguarding property, keeping an accurate record of it and reporting suspicious individuals to the police.

According to military police, the theft increase has been characterized by a rash of stolen wallets, purses and 10-speed bicycles. One investigator said his office was called upon to investigate 18 theft cases in one day.

Bicycles are apparently a leading target of thieves who made off with three in one 24 hour period last month.

Police officials say they are hampered in

their efforts to reduce and solve the crimes by a lack of awareness in the people who live and work on post.

Claiming most thefts result from the victim's carelessness, they estimate that from 50-90 per cent of the stolen items are improperly secured.

This is especially evident, they say, in Letterman Hospital where large numbers of people come and go without being noticed. Wallets and purses left in dressing tables or on desks are frequent targets.

Bicycles are largely the same story. According to police, the stolen ones are usually left unchained or chained so that the bicycle can be carried away.

"I think people would be more careful if they realized there was a problem on post," says Presidio Military Police Investigator Michael Aiesi.

Another problem confounding authorities, are victims that are unable to accurately identify stolen property. Police suspect the people take the item for granted, failing to record serial numbers or other identifying marks.

"There's no sense looking for something if we can't identify it," said Aiesi.

Police admit that their recovery rate is low due to the variety of ways a thief can dispose of his loot. But they add that a good description and a serial number considerably increases the chance of locating stolen property.

Several recovery sources, including the

San Francisco Police Department's pawn shop detail and NCIC (National Crime Information Center), rely heavily on the serial number as identification.

San Francisco pawnshops, which are an easy place for thieves to convert their booty to cash, send copies of their pawn tickets to the SFPD. From them, the pawn shop detail gets the serial numbers of the pawned items. These numbers are kept on file.

When the Presidio police have the serial number of a stolen item they contact the SFPD which then checks its records to see if the stolen item has been pawned.

The NIC is a similar information source except that it deals nationally with any items involved in crimes.

These methods can work. "A band here had some instruments stolen," said Aiesi. "They had the serial numbers and a description and we located the items in a pawnshop the next day."

When these methods fail, as they often do, another means of recovering the item is to develop a suspect. This often depends on help from the average person. It is another area troubling police here.

People questioned in connection with theft usually say they don't see anything. Police say they probably don't. But it could be because they don't realize they are watching a theft in progress.

"With all the bicycles that have been stolen on post, I can't believe that there isn't at least one person who has seen something," said Aiesi.

Two lauded for meritorious service

The Decoration for Meritorious Civilian Service was presented to Ms. Gail B. McLaughlin and Mr. Arthur F. Buhs in a ceremony last week in the Headquarters Building Conference Room. The award is the second highest Department of the Army honorary award for civilian personnel.

Gail McLaughlin, budget analyst, Comptroller's Directorate, transferred to the Presidio from the U.S. Army Personnel Center, Oakland, in December. During the more than 30 years she has been employed by the Army, she has received numerous awards attesting to her superior duty performance. She entered government service at Camp Stoneman, California in 1942.

Arthur Buhs, former Chief, Management and Budget Division, U.S. Army Personnel Center, Oakland, retired from government service in December. Long active in the Boy Scout program in the San Francisco area, Buhs plans to devote much of his time to scouting and other youth activities.

Snyder selected as Soldier of Month

The next time you have a letter or package to mail at the Ft Baker Post Office, Sp4 Mary Snyder, February's Soldier of the Month, will be there to help you send it.

Specialist Snyder, who is attached to the 16th BPO, is the NCOIC of the Ft. Baker Post Office and her job, as in any post office, is to make sure the mail keeps moving.

"I have a challenging job and I enjoy doing it," said the 27-year-old soldier from Burlington, Iowa. "Being an Army postal worker isn't at all difficult for me because, before coming into the Army two years ago, I worked as a letter carrier for the W. Burlington, Iowa Postal Service.

The female soldier, who is called 'Betsy' by her friends, keeps active on her off duty time with bowling, fishing, and photography. She enjoys all sports and plans to join intramural teams as the seasonal sports come around.

These people could be your best friends

The Drug Education Specialist (DES) is the person in each unit, appointed by the commander, to whom a soldier can go to get help if he is having problems with alcohol and/or other drugs. The DES can inform the soldier regarding what kinds of help are available and can assist him in deciding what to do and where to go.

The Drug Education Specialist also plays a preventive role — he has information regarding drugs (including alcohol) and their effects and is knowledgeable about the factors leading to their abuse.

Furthermore, the DES is there to listen and to help in any way he can.

These are your DESs':

Unit	DES	Telephone
504th MP BN HHD	SFC Steven Shepherd	4577
	PFC Sonia Moore	4577
163rd MP DET	SSG Jerald Sherman	2829
170th MP CO	SGT. Selma Russell	5172
402nd MP CO	SGT Leo Paonessa	5180
HQ CO US Army Garrison	Sp 4 Randall Neal	4277
HQ CO US Army Garrison WAC	Sp4 Margaret Martin	3878
D CO 864th ENGR BN	Sp5 James Irick	2886
51st ENG DET	Sp5 John Russell	3404
HQCO 6th USA Spt Elm	Sp7 Cabot Egan	4504
USA Computer Systems		
Command Support Group	Sp4 Melvin Brathwaite	4420
16th BASE POST OFFICE	Sp4 Alfred Gomez	3667
MED CO - Male	Pfc Cathy Williams	3784
MED CO - WAC	Sp5 John Vance	7212
USAML Ft. Baker	Sp5 Dennis Hill	2625
6th Army Band	SFC Countee Collins	5875
LAIR	Sp5 John Chandler	4714

Presidio News Notes

Red Cross seeks volunteers

The American Red Cross needs volunteers for the field office, Bldg 97. Receptionists and case aides can be placed immediately. Interested persons should contact the Field Director in Bldg 97 or call 561-2142. Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

day March 5 at 9:00 a.m. at Letterman Army Medical Center. The sale will be located on the first floor in the vicinity of the Post Exchange. For further information call Mrs. Nellie Gevry at 561-4489 or Mrs. Alice Lindsay at 387-4020.

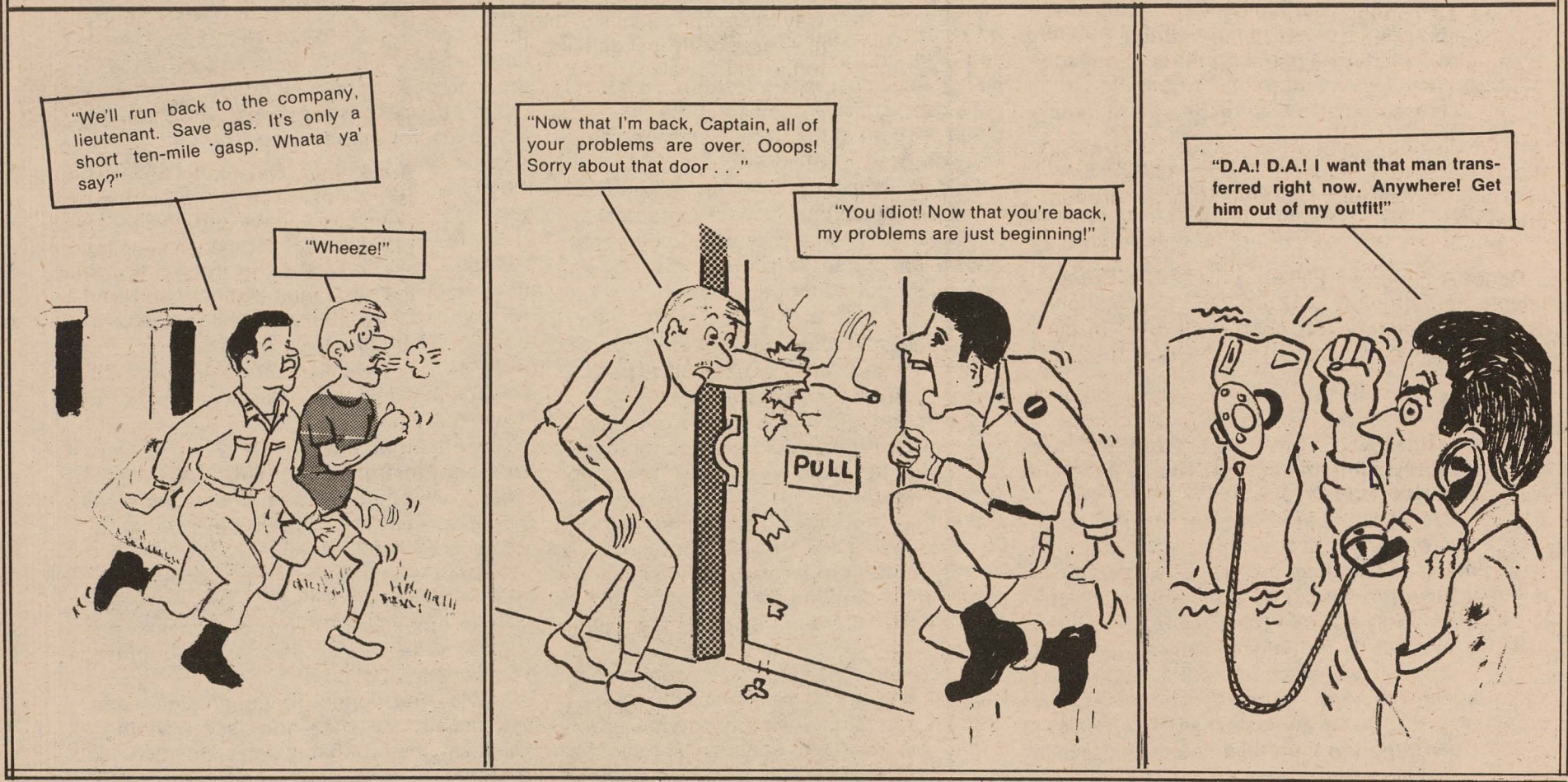
Bake Sale

The Presidio of San Francisco Enlisted Wives Club will hold a bake sale, Wednes-

Enlisted Wives

The Presidio of San Francisco Enlisted Wives Club will hold its monthly business meeting on Monday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Reigious Center. Membership is open to all enlisted wives on post.

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My name is Specialist Bonn. My question concerns the eligibility of E-4s for government quarters on post. When I first applied for government housing, I understood that E-4s with two years of service are eligible. Then I was told that a person must be an E-4 with two years of service and with a three year commitment before they are eligible.

What is the requirement for eligibility and can I get on-post housing?

Specialist Bonn

A representative of the Housing Division contacted SP4 Bonn and advised her that SP4's with two years service are in priority three for housing. Individuals on the priority three waiting list may only be given housing after all those in priority two have been housed. Priority two waiting lists are: all eligible E6s, E5s and E4s with two years service and a four year commitment for a total of six years.

At this time, there are 35 people on the regular priority two waiting list. Chances of housing those on the priority three waiting list are very slim.

Specialist Bonn was also advised that she is eligible for housing at Hamilton Air Force Base approximately 20 miles north of the Presidio. Their regulations permit housing E4s with two years service.

DIAL: L-I-N-E

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SFC Elwood, telephone (duty) 4656/4968. Would like to join or start a car pool between Fairfield and the Presidio. Day shift Monday through Friday.

Renee A. Hargrove, 259 San Luis #2, San Bruno, telephone (home) 871-8792. Destination: National Cemetery (on post). Will drive in car pool or share expenses, 8 to 5 schedule.

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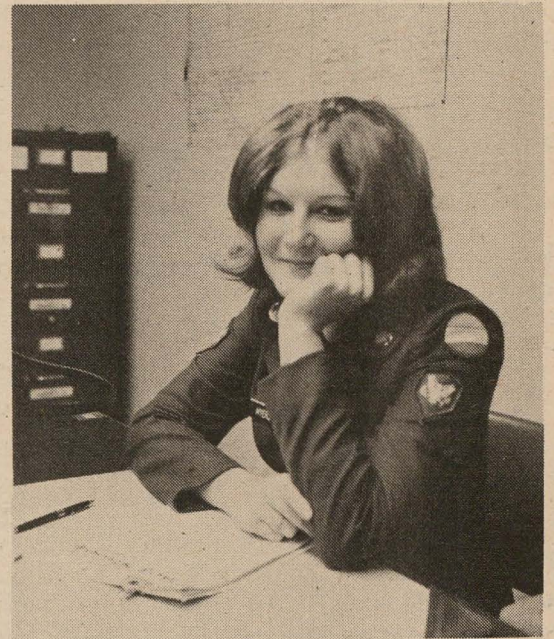
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Ramblin' Sam

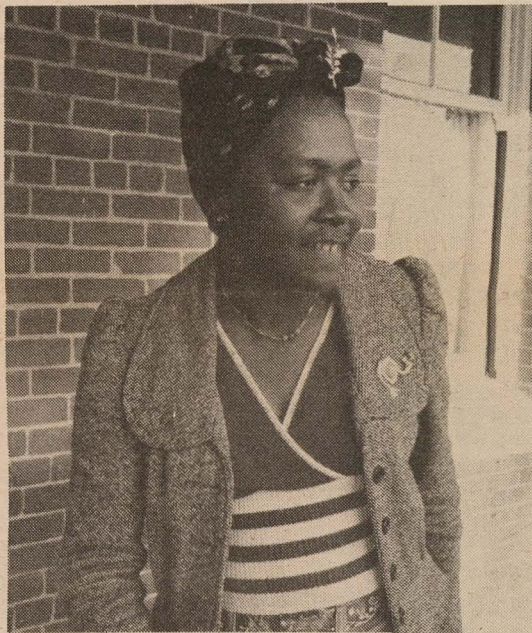


"What are you doing to keep yourself physically fit?"

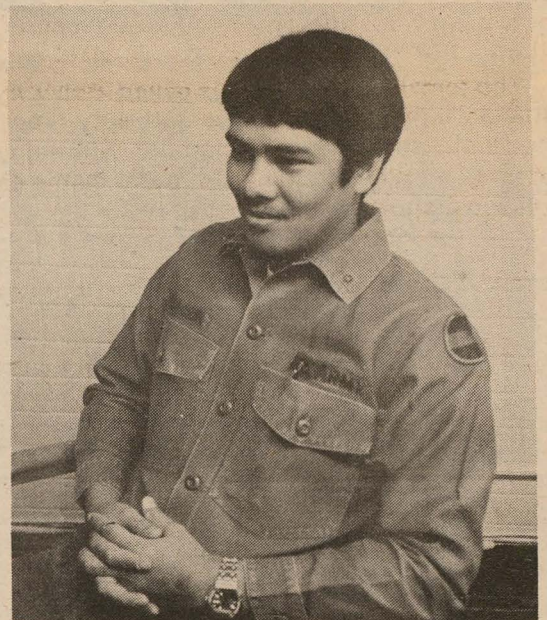
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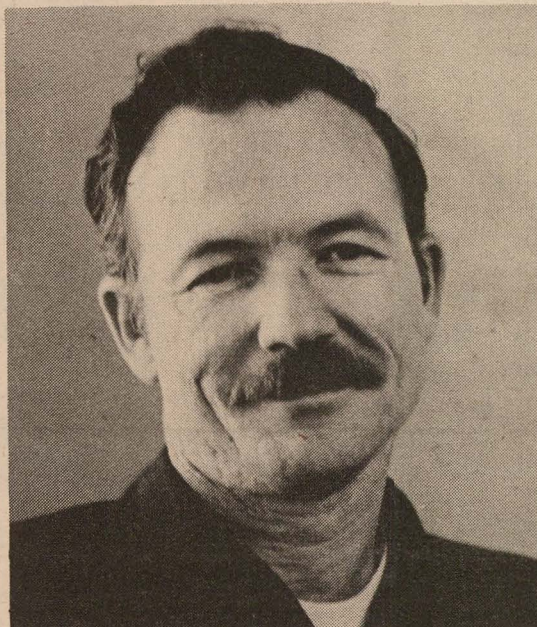
Sp4 Liz Myers: "Just taking long walks. I'll go to the Golden Gate Bridge and walk across it maybe a couple of times. Besides the exercise, I can enjoy the view and just think. If I don't have time for a long walk, then I'll take a short jog."



PFC Mavis Brown: "I can't think of a better way to stay physically fit than dancing — especially fast dancing. I also jog, take walks, and do calisthenic exercises. I play basketball for a sport."



Sp4 Eugene Relecion: I bowl, which is considered to be one of the best ways to stay physically in shape, and play volleyball. Besides keeping me in good condition, the sports are fun. I'm on league teams in both sports, so I play regularly."



Fire Cpt. Eugene Day: "I start the day with 15 minutes of calisthenics as soon as I get out of bed. I do some bowling, and really get a workout playing ping-pong with the men here at the station. We have regular training exercises we must go through, and actual rescue work and fire-fighting keeps us in shape."

Letterman #1 wins post basketball title; buries Letterman #2 89-54



Letterman #1's Bob Dennis sinks an easy layup during his team's 89-54 triumph over Letterman #2 for the post basketball title. Maurice Lindell looks on after arriving too late to stop the shot.

Presidio Sports News

All-Army Team Heads South

After wrapping up an undefeated Northern California exhibition season, the all-Army basketball team heads south this week in preparation for the Interservice Basketball Meet at Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif. March 3-6.

The Army squad, which has made the Presidio its training camp since January, put together 14 victories against college, semi-pro and amateur teams in Northern California.

The team will leave for Los Angeles Tuesday where it will play several exhibition games and conduct high school clinics before heading for Twenty-Nine Palms to its 16th interservice crown in the last 17 years.

Ladies' Post Basketball

Presidio's women's basketball team has run up an undefeated 7-0 record in exhibition games played against teams in and around the Bay Area.

Coached by Sandra Colaw, the team is preparing for the FORSCOM Women's Basketball Tournament scheduled for March 10-14 at Ft. Hood, Tex.

So far the ladies have downed U.C. Medical College 67-21 and 62-21, Ft. Ord 30-25 and twice more Feb. 15. Monterey Peninsula College 35-20 and Los Medinos Jr. College 37-27.

Youth Basketball Awards

Some 500 people attended the Presidio Youth Basketball League's awards ceremony Feb. 17 at the Post Gym.

Members of the all-Army basketball team presented trophies to the winners and runners up of the league's minor and major divisions. Players from each of the league's ten teams received certificates of participation.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL (Final)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
Letterman #1**	13	0
402nd MP Company*	10	4
HHD 504th MP Battalion	9	5
Garrison	9	5
LAIR	6	8
Public Health	6	8
170th MP Company	2	11
Support Element	0	14

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Western Recruiting*	11	0
Letterman #2*	9	1
Corps of Engineers	7	4
666th Radar Squadron	6	5
16th Base Post Office	2	9
51st Engineers	2	10
864th Engineers	1	11

**won playoffs
*clinched a playoff spot

Adult Swimming Classes

Beginning swimming classes for adult active duty military, dependents and retired personnel will begin here March 18.

Held at the Letterman swimming pool (Bldg. 69), the classes will run from 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through June 13. For more information or to sign up call 561-5032.

Men and women with long hair will be required to wear swim caps in the pool.

Using their patented well-rounded offense and tight defense, Letterman #1 swept its fourth consecutive post intramural title Feb. 19 routing a flat Letterman #2 team 89-54 at the Post Gym.

Letterman put 10 players in the scoring column as they won their 32nd straight intramural game without a loss.

Bob Dennis led the Letterman #1 in scoring with 20 points, followed by Ron Williams with 16. Letterman #2's Ed Nolen led all scorers with 23 points.

Letterman #2 came into the contest off a stunning 70-56 win over a favored Western Recruiting squad, but was unable to organize their team for a second upset in the double elimination tournament.

After exchanging the lead several times in the opening minutes, Letterman #1 pulled ahead and opened a 50-27 lead by end of the first 18 minute half.

They continued their sharp passing and hot outside shooting in the final half to outscore their sister team 39-27.

"I think they played such a good game against Western Recruiting that they just couldn't put it together two games in a row," said Dick Odom, a five-year veteran of the Letterman #1 squad.

Letterman #2 had eliminated Western recruiting in the semi-finals the previous night. Western Recruiting finished ahead of Letterman #2 in regular season play and nearly defeated Letterman #1 in the play-offs.

The Letterman #1 32-game unbeaten string goes back to

January 1973 when they were defeated by 571st Military Police 62-57. The string includes 20 regular season wins and 12 playoff victories.

This year's playoffs began with the winners of the Presidio and Ft. Scott Leagues facing the runners up from the opposing leagues in the opening round of play Feb. 11. In that play, Letterman #1 dropped Letterman #2 66-56 and Western Recruiting defeated the 402nd MP Company 50-49.

Letterman #1 remained undefeated in the Feb. 14 quarter finals by beating Western Recruiting 69-68 on a Ron Williams basket with one second on the clock. On the same night, the 402nd became the first team to be eliminated from the tournament, losing to Letterman #2 75-65.

Letterman #2 went on to eliminate Western Recruiting Feb. 18 and into the finals against Letterman #1.

Letterman #1	50	39-89
Letterman #2	27	27-54

Letterman #1	Letterman #2
Wilkin	8
Wilson	4
Williams	16
Dennis	20
Lindell, S.	6
Odom	10
Hunt	10
Lindsey	4
Combs	4
Bridges	7
Sample	0
Baker	0
Total	89
Nolen	23
Ginyard	8
McKoy	2
Wilcox	4
Lindell, M.	0
Housely	8
Grogan	0
Hamilton	9
Holt	0
Howard	0
Stark	0
Bell	0
Total	54

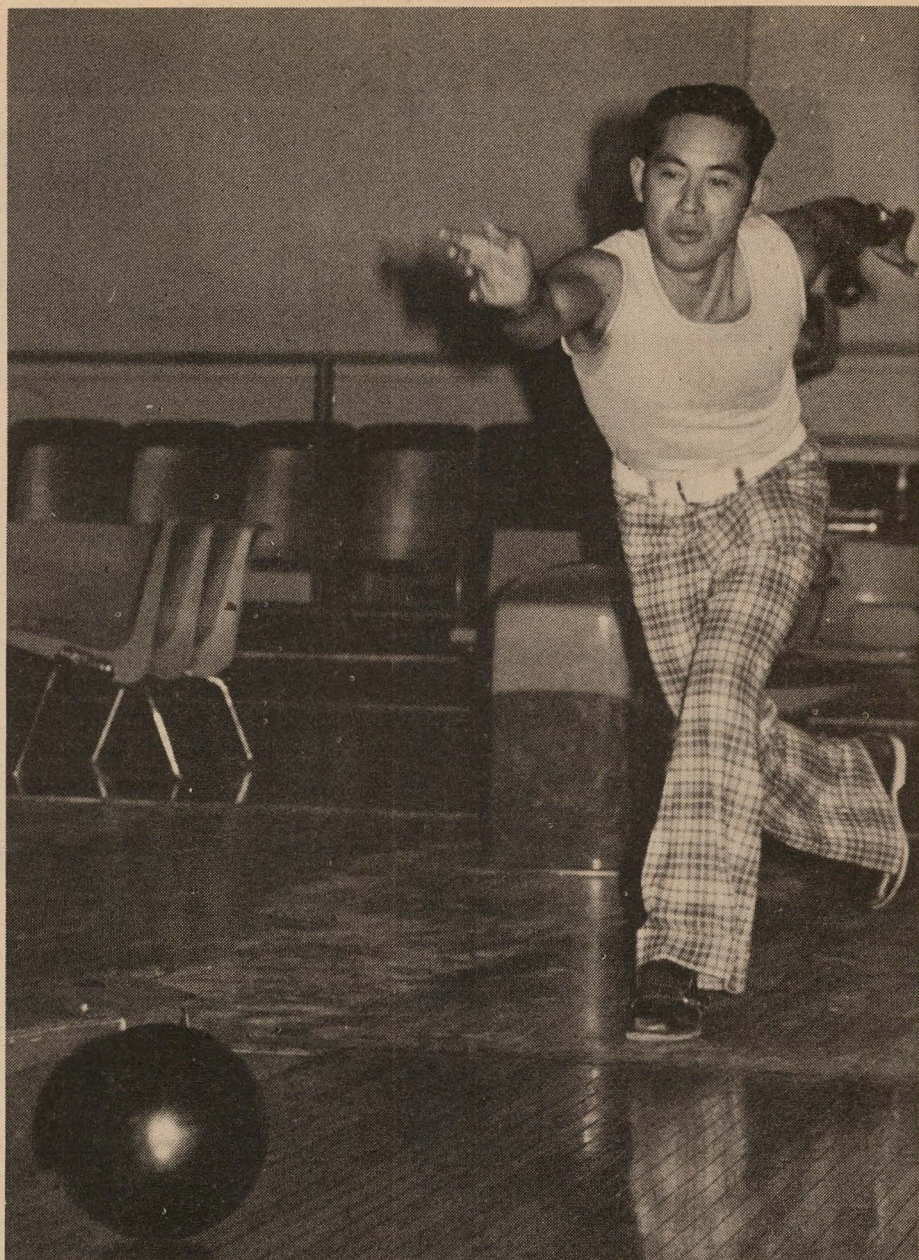


Photo by SSG Tony Reyes

Headed for FORSCOM tourney

Pedro Taoy warms up before bowling his final qualifying round for placement on Presidio's FORSCOM Bowling team. Taoy, a staff sergeant with the Sixth Army Band, finished his qualifying rounds ahead of all other men bowlers with a 198 average. The FORSCOM Bowling Tournament will open at the Presidio Bowling Center April 21. The top four men and four women qualifiers will go on the Presidio team.

Commissary expects fund cuts

By John Chambers

Presidio commissary officials say they are continuing to streamline their operation in the wake of a FORSCOM message telling them they will have to foot 50 per cent of the commissary operating costs on October 1 and 100 per cent a year later.

The message, dated February 19, said appropriated funds which currently pay store operating costs will be cut 50 per cent beginning with the second quarter of Fiscal Year 1976 and eliminated the following year.

Store officials here view the message as confirmation of newspaper articles saying the commissary system will have to operate without help from the American taxpayer.

Food costs to commissary shoppers are expected to rise as the store raises its present three per cent surcharge to cover costs. To what level it goes depends on how the Department of the Army chooses to allocate revenue generated by the stores.

Mr. Richard H. Ber, Presidio commissary officer, said he was optimistic about the chances of the commissary surviving, but added that store marketing methods would have to change to make them more competitive with civilian markets.

Ber said some changes were already in effect which would make the commissary more competitive by reducing operating costs. He cited the opening of a central warehouse for the Presidio and Oakland stores.

When it opens in April, the warehouse, located in Oakland, will provide a larger, more efficient place for storing nonperishable goods. The two stores which are both part of the Presidio commissary system, now have separate warehouses.

Ber said consolidating the two at Oakland will reduce operating costs by eliminating nonessential personnel and allowing the stores to buy in greater bulk when prices are down.

Personnel costs comprise the great majority of the commissary's operating budget. In FY 75, the commissary payroll is expected to reach \$2.9 million for the equivalent of 225 employees. Other store operating costs total \$0.5 million.

Seven man years, or the equivalent of seven men working fulltime, will be saved in the warehouse consolidation. Ber said other personnel cuts may be made.

Mechanized accounting methods are also being tested at the commissary. These are intended to give the store more efficient control of its inventory.

Ber said he could foresee a possibility of increasing the store variety by re-introducing specialty items. Most of these products were recently removed from commissary shelves to improve accounting and stocking procedures. But Ber said they might be brought back to entice buyers into the store once the added surcharge drives total shopping costs higher.

"We have to become more attuned to the profit motive," said Ber. "In the past we had more or less a granted audience (because of prices much lower than civilian stores)."

Neither Ber nor his associates could say what the surcharge might rise to in October. The surcharge is added to the shopper's bill at the checkout counter. It is currently three per cent and is the only cost the commissary adds to the price it pays for groceries.

Revenue from the surcharge is used to make small improvements in commissaries and to buy certain supplies or new equipment. Funds appropriated by Congress cover the remaining operating costs.

With these funds gone, speculators have guessed that the surcharge might rise to between

Soaring prices and the Presidio



Price comparisons

How much can you save by shopping at the commissary?

A survey conducted by the Star Presidian last week showed that it could be as much as 29 per cent.

Using a comparison shopping guide published in February's LadyCom magazine, the Star Presidian went to the commissary and to a large civilian food store near the Presidio.

The result was a \$12.39 bill at the commissary and a \$16.03 bill at the civilian store.

All of the comparisons are for the exact same product by the same producer.

None of the prices were lower this day at the civilian market. The least difference was three cents on a can of soup.

Here are some of the comparisons.

	Commissary	Civilian Store
cornflakes	.60	.71
margarine	.59	.69
rice	.95	1.23
frozen orange juice	.45	.67
canned peaches	.33	.43
steak	1.55	1.89
bacon	1.11	1.27
canned tuna	.45	.55
lettuce	.19	.35
bananas	.14	.25
cheese spread	1.41	1.75

12 and 20 per cent to cover the cost of store operations. A surcharge in the upper range of this spread would put the cost of commissary shopping in the same range as a civilian discount food store.

Presidio store officials say how high the surcharge goes depends on how the Department

of the Army decides to allocate money earned from the surcharge. At present, commissaries do not keep the money they earn from the surcharge. Requests for improvements are submitted to

higher headquarters and money is then reallocated to the commissary.

Ber said that while he suspects the system will remain the same, it could change so that each store keeps its own revenue or so that the revenue is computed regionally. The surcharge would differ depending on which method is used.

Earlier reports by civilian news services that the commissaries would close have been retracted. The FORSCOM message received here announcing the fund reductions said there is "little likelihood that any closures will result as a result of this action."

From the Commander

I have always found that an effective means of communication is indispensable to problem solving. Two-way channels of communication between the headquarters staff and housing area residents of the Presidio and its sub-posts must be open to everyone if we are to develop a harmonious community environment. Your Neighborhood Council is the foundation of this network and merits your enthusiastic support.

Our goal is to have as many problems as possible solved at the neighborhood level. Neighborhood Councils meet regularly in the housing areas to discuss and act on common problems and to help individual residents resolve their particular matters.

Your interest and active participation are necessary to make this program a success.

The Presidio and its sub-posts have been organized into 18 neighborhoods, corresponding to housing areas. Neighborhood leaders conduct activities in their areas, hold meetings, and represent the neighborhoods at the postwide Presidio Community Council which meets every other month.

The Community Council assists the various Neighborhood Councils in resolving difficulties and serves as a contact with me and my staff on problems of greater magnitude. Problems brought before the council have ranged from complaints of unsatisfactory maintenance in the housing

areas to difficulties with loose pets and unsafe traffic patterns. The council is currently establishing an information distribution system to post quarters.

Watch the Weekly Bulletin for the time and place of the next Presidio Community Council meeting. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information on the Neighborhood Council program, or if you would like to volunteer some of your time, please call Army Community Service at extension 5256. I urge your active support.

ROBERT V. KANE
Colonel, ADA
Commanding

DIAL: L-I-N-E

Or write:
Commander's Action Line
Information Office
Presidio of San Francisco,
CA 94129



I would like to suggest that one of two methods be considered to make Crissy Field Avenue safer. It becomes extremely narrow where it goes up the hill to intersect with Lincoln Boulevard and there is risk of accidents occurring at that point.

I suggest that Crissy Field Avenue be made one-way at that area or that Lincoln Boulevard be made a two-way stop instead of a one-way stop intersection. (Although I believe Crissy Field Avenue is dangerous going up the hill, I use it because cars pulling away from the stop on Lincoln don't have a clear view of on-coming cars on Lincoln.

Thank you for your consideration of these suggestions.

C.C.

Dear C.C.,

Your comment was answered by Lieutenant Colonel Norman D. Harms, director, DPCA, who stated "A traffic survey of the aforementioned intersection revealed that no accident has been reported at this intersection in over two years. Erection of an additional stop sign would serve no useful purpose and would interrupt the normal flow of traffic."

"Making the roadway one-way is not feasible at this time. The roadway is restricted to vehicles under ¾ ton and the bicycles are kept off the roadway providing enough clearance for two vehicles to pass. A study will be conducted to determine use of TCPs (traffic control points) during peak traffic times at this intersection."

CAR POOL

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd, Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518 (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing car pool.

SP5 Eugenia L. Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland, telephone (duty) 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Renee A. Hargrove, 259 San Luis #2, San Bruno, telephone (home) 871-8792. Destination: National Cemetery (on post). Will drive in car pool or share expenses, 8 to 5 schedule.

Rosie Howard, Grove and Stuart Streets, Berkeley to LAMC (Bldg. 651). Telephone: 561-5631 (work) or 845-5071 (home). Wants a ride. Will share expenses.

William Morgan, 399 South Gate, Daily City (West Lake Area) telephone (work) 5634 (home) 756-7099 Destination: Bldg 650, PSF. Can drive three days a week but will need a ride on Fridays.

Corky's Corner

by Charles "Corky" Steinberg

"You cannot teach a man anything. You can only help him discover it within himself" *Galileo* — This statement of the great astronomer represents the attitude of the Presidio Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation and Prevention Program. Our own motto "THE CLIENT COMES FIRST" reflects the confidence that our counselling staff has in the recuperative abilities of every human individual. In essence, the counselor holds a mirror for the client and helps him/her to assess their life's situation, and then guides the individual into recognizing his/her own strengths and resources. Essentially, the counselor is helping the client to discover his/her own inherent worth.

People use or abuse various drugs, including alcohol and marijuana, to make themselves feel better than they do. Most individuals who are feeling good about themselves do not have to depend on artificial, chemical, changes of mood, feelings or thoughts; for they are naturally in touch with their own internal reservoir of positive, intuitive wisdom and emotion. Yet, it is known that 95,000,000 adult Americans consumed 46,000,000 gallons of alcohol in December of 1973 (N.I.A.A. statistics), giving each about 2 gallons of holiday cheer that month.

We also know that — statistically speaking — 1

out of every 10 adult consumers of alcoholic beverages (whether beer, wine or whiskey) will become a "problem drinker" (e.g. his/her social, family, economic or health life will be adversely affected because of alcohol)!

ADAP serves a population of over 7000, both military and civilian; which means statistically, that there could be as many as 700 "problem drinkers" in the Presidio workforce (if all 7000 consumed alcoholic beverages) It is true, as Galileo has said, "that you cannot teach a man anything"; nevertheless, it remains vitally important for any of us who use alcohol (or any drug for that matter) to remain alert to any sign or symptom indicating that our *drug of choice* may be rapidly becoming *no choice* at all but rather a compulsion we have less and less control over.

Socrates, before Galileo, said, "An unexamined life was not worth living"; we at ADAP say THE CLIENT COMES FIRST; meaning we merely assist in the process of examining and discovering that each individual has uniquely in him/herself all of the strength and coping mechanisms with which to meet life's challenges and even including relieving the burden of a drinking problem.

For further information call 2663/3784 or visit us in our new location at Bldg. 276 next to the commissary snack bar.

In a recent issue of the *Star Presidian*, the names of some Drug Education Specialists were incorrectly listed with the units. The following list is correct.

Unit	DES	Telephone
504th MP BN HHD	SFC Steven Shepherd	4577
	PFC Sonia Moore	4577
163rd MP DET	SSG Jerald Sherman	2829
170th MP CO	SGT. Selma Russell	5172
402nd MP CO	SGT Leo Paonessa	5180
HQ CO US Army Garrison	Sp 4 Randall Neal	4277
HQ CO US Army Garrison WAC	Sp4 Margaret Martin	3878
D CO 864th ENGR BN	Sp5 James Irick	2886
51st ENG DET		
HQCO 6th USA Spt Elm	Sp5 John Russell	3404
USA Computer Systems	Sp7 Cabot Egan	4504
Command Support Group		
16th BASE POST OFFICE	Sp4 Melvin Brathwaite	4420
MED CO - Male	Sp4 Alfred Gomez	3667
MED CO - WAC	Pfc Cathy Williams	3784
USAML Ft. Baker	Sp5 John Vance	7212
6th Army Band	Sp5 Dennis Hill	2625
LAIR	SFC Countee Collins	5875
	Sp5 John Chandler	4714

Marilyn Novell, 3275 Mission, San Francisco, telephone (duty) 2274, Destination: Bldg. 39, PSF. Will need a ride Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Gilberta Heaster, 4405 California Street, San Francisco, telephone (home) 387-8488 (duty) 2733/4151. Destination: Bldg 38. Needs ride from Richmond District, S.F., Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 4:15 schedule.

Kathie McClelland, 95 Medway Road, Canal Area, San Rafael, telephone (home) 457-1072 (work) 4516/4096. Destination: Bldg 220. Will drive in car pool and/or share expenses.

SFC Elwood, telephone (duty) 4656/4968. Would like to join or start a car pool between Fairfield and the Presidio. Day shift Monday through Friday.

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Next RIF to affect 2,200 officers

A Department of the Army Active Duty Board (DAADB) will convene next month to select approximately 2,200 RA and Reserve officers who will be involuntarily discharged or released from active duty during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1976. The reduction in force (RIF) will include only officers in the most overstrength year groups — 1967 through 1970.

According to a statement issued by the U.S. Army Military Personnel Center, the RIF action is being taken because the Army must reduce its officer strength to 98,125 by June 30, 1976. Analysis of projected gains and losses compared with authorized officer strengths indicate that neither normal attrition nor the minimum necessary procurement of officers will enable the Army to sufficiently reduce officer strength without resorting to a RIF.

The recently enacted Regular Army RIF Legislation permits involuntary discharge of RA captains and lieutenants under the same criteria and standards that apply to Reserve officers who are selected for involuntary release from active duty.)

In preparation for the board, each career branch in MILPERCEN's Officer Personnel Directorate has been assigned a branch quota plus an additional 23 percent based on its relative size and relative overstrength in the four year groups 1967 through 1970.

This means that if Armor Branch is assigned a quota of 100 officers from the 1967-1970 year

groups, the branch will screen the records of all Armor officers in year groups 1967-1970 and submit a total of 123 Armor officers' records to the board. That's the 100 required by quota plus an additional 23 percent.

The career branches will determine which officers' records will be submitted to the board based upon demonstrated manner of performance and potential for future service as evidenced by the officers' entire records, without regard to whether or not the officer is RA or Reserve.

Ultimately, the records of 2700 commissioned officers will be submitted by the career branches to the DAADB; in turn, this Board will select approximately 2200 officers for involuntary release or discharge, *without regard to branch or component*.

In order to provide maximum time for personal planning, individual officers whose records have been submitted to the board will be notified by letter as soon as possible after identification is made by the career branches.

Following adjournment of the DAADB, the approximately 2200 officers selected for release/discharge will be notified by letter by late June 1975, and will be released/discharged not later than 90 days after notification.

No extensions to this 90 day period will be authorized, but earlier releases/discharges will be made upon request by the officer concerned. However, no early releases will be made prior to

July 1, 1975.

Released/discharged officers who have completed at least five years of continuous active service as a commissioned officer, warrant officer or enlisted member are entitled to readjustment pay, which is computed by multiplying years of active service (not to exceed 18) by two months' basic pay for the grade in which serving on the date of discharge/release. No officer will be paid a sum greater than two years of his basic pay, or \$15,000 (whichever is less).

RA officers who are discharged will be offered an opportunity to apply for appointment in the US Army Reserve (not on active duty). Reserve officers will retain their commissions upon release from active duty.

Appeals

Officers selected for involuntary release or discharge who initiate evaluation report appeals under AR 623-105 or whose cases are referred to the Department of Army Active Duty Board by HQDA for reconsideration must continue to process for release/discharge as scheduled. If final action on an appeal and/or reconsideration has not been completed by the scheduled release/discharge date, the officer will be released/discharged as scheduled. In view of this, any appeal or request for reconsideration should be initiated as expeditiously as possible after notification of either submission of records to DAADB or subsequent selection. Paragraph 3-58D (1) of AR 635-100 will be rescinded, and a priority program will be initiated to expedite all such appeals.

No Warrant Officer RIF

While there will be reduced opportunity for Obligated Volunteer warrant officers to achieve Voluntary Indefinite status in FY 86, and while the opportunity for service past retirement eligibility under the Long Range Active Duty Program (LRADP) has been curtailed, there *will not* be a warrant officer reduction in force during FY 76, according to a statement issued by the Military Personnel Center.

Watch for retired pay inversion

Thinking about retirement? If you are waiting for the October 1975 pay raise, you may lose some retirement pay. A flat pay raise in military salary has less effect on retirement pay than does a cost-of-living raise which is applied to retirement pay; this is called retirement pay inversion.

Here's an example: an SFC with 28 years who retires on or before 1 September 1975 would receive \$758.83. If the proposed five percent active duty pay raise goes through as of 1 October 1975, and the same person retires after 1 September 1975, he would receive \$737.78 — or \$21.05 less. The effect of the inversion varies with grade and time in service.

Remember that someone who retires on the last day of the month is placed on the retirement list on the first day of the next month; retirement pay for the voluntary retiree is based on the pay rate effective on the date his name is placed on the retirement list.

PG&E hike will hit post

By John Chambers

Presidio's electricity bill could rise sharply as a result of the record high rate increases requested by Pacific Gas and Electric last week.

If granted in full, the initial part of the PG&E request will add another \$9,000 to the post electricity bill every month beginning April 1.

The comptroller's office had no comment on how the hike would affect the Presidio budget.

PG&E asked the California Public Utilities Commission for electricity and gas increases totaling \$637 million. It asked that \$140 million of this request be made effective April 1 to offset the company's rising fuel costs. The remainder was termed a general increase to meet rising labor, production, research and construction expenses.

If granted in full, it was estimated the raise will increase the average domestic monthly bill of \$28.35 by \$7.88.

An advisor to the Presidio Energy Conservation Council Colonel Frank J. Dorsey said the rate hikes will have more effect on industrial consumers such as the Presidio.

Dorsey said the initial "fuel adjustment" requested by PG&E for April 1 would

increase the post power bill 13 per cent a month. Computations printed in local newspapers said the initial increase would be 5 per cent for the average householder, raising his bill from \$28.35 to \$29.82 monthly.

Presidio's power bill would go from about \$68,000 to \$77,000 a month.

Dorsey said the general increase, which is not expected to be decided upon until 1976, would effect the Presidio in about the same way as it will the average householder.

Dorsey pointed out that the increases had not yet been granted by the Public Utilities Commission. He said PG&E usually gets about 75 per cent of what it asks for each quarter on fuel adjustment and that the remainder is open to much debate before a final decision is made.

The West Coast power company's request for higher rates comes at the end of an 18 month period which saw the Presidio's electricity rates soar 75 per cent. Dorsey said he expects more hikes in the future, especially in the fuel adjustment clause.

Funds from two sources, the Department of Defense family housing budget and the post's operation and maintenance budget, pay for the Presidio's electricity bill. The DOD budget pays for family housing electricity while the post pays the remainder.



Commissary cracking down on shopping cart misuse

by SSG C.D. Steen

Shopping carts have been appearing in strange locations at the Presidio. Patrons who have been taking the carts out of the commissary area, where most of them come from, could be banned from using the commissary or have legal action brought against them.

"Shopping carts are turning up all over the Presidio," said Richard H. Ber, commissary officer. "It seems patrons use them to cart groceries to their cars, which may be out of the commissary parking lot, and leave them. We then have to send out a truck to gather up the carts, which takes a lot of time and effort."

According to Mr. Ber, carts have been found in many parking lots by the main bus stop, and as far away as the Golden Gate Bridge. He says some

patrons have taken them home to use as laundry carts.

"The shopping carts, which cost about \$40 each, should not be taken from the commissary area," said Mr. Ber. "We have tried to make patrons aware of the problem with periodic notices in the Presidio Daily Bulletin, and placing notices to remind patrons to leave the carts in the commissary area. But the problem is still with us."

To help prevent people from walking away with the carts, local military policemen have been alerted to the problem and will stop anyone who is found with a cart outside the commissary parking lot area. Action can be taken against violators, including loss of commissary privileges or legal action.

News Notes

Salmon season opens

On Saturday, February 15, salmon season opened to sport fisherman of the Presidio and the present trend promises a good year for fishing. On the first day, ten salmon and 10 bottom fish were caught, with SGM John Hardin taking the largest salmon, a 15-pounder. The following day 25 salmon were caught. On February 23, SP4 David Hess caught the largest salmon of the day, a 10-pounder.

"The Presidian" fishing boat leaves Harborcraft at Fort Baker every weekend at 6 a.m. for a seven to nine hour trip costing \$8.50 which includes all tackle used during the trip. Unit charters are available upon request. For detailed information on joining a fishing trip, call Outdoor Recreation at 4324/4356.

Bake Sale

Remember the Bake Sale that the Presidio Enlisted Wives Club will be conducting on Wednesday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. at Letterman Army Medical Center. The sale will be located on the first floor in the vicinity of the Post Exchange. For further information call Mrs. Nellie Gevry at 561-4489 or Mrs. Alice Lindsay at 387-4020.

Community Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Presidio Community Council from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. on 12 March 1975 in the Post Headquarters Conference Room, Building 220. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

Enlisted Wives

The Presidio Enlisted Wives Club will be holding its monthly business meeting Monday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Religious Center. Membership is open to all enlisted wives on post.

OILPAINTING CLASSES AT RECREATION CENTER

Oil Painting Classes will be sponsored by the Presidio Women's Club. Classes will start March 11th, Tuesdays from 12:00-3:00 PM for four weeks. Enrollment fee is \$36. — Isa Nicholson (Mrs. Kenneth B.), a Tacoma artist and art

instructor, will teach beginning and intermediate students.

The artist is a member of Allied Arts and the Art Museum of Tacoma, Washington, and was a board member of Lakewood Artist and Artist and Sculptors in that area.

She has taught adult classes since 1966. At Tacoma Community College and for McChord Air Force Base Education Center she taught

monthly, bi-weekly or weekly installments and usually run from 4 months to 2 years.

• Revolving or Optional (Revolving) Account. The customer signs an agreement at the beginning which becomes the basic contract covering his use of the account. A top dollar limit is usually assigned to the account and any amount charged above that limit must be paid within 30 days.

If it is not paid the whole balance becomes due immediately. Payment on revolving accounts is based on either a fixed fraction of the "top dollar limit" placed on the account initially or a percentage of the actual balance outstanding. A customer can keep right on charging so long as he doesn't exceed the top dollar limit.

The optional (Revolving) Account differs in that the customer has requested the option to pay the whole balance within 15 or 20 days (the same as an open account) after receiving the bill. This will eliminate any service charge. Or the customer can pay any portion of the bill he wishes within the 15 or 20 days and just be charged interest and service charges on the remaining balance.

Danger! Plenty of options are open on how to set up an account, but imagine a wallet full of credit cards for stores and gas stations all over town. Add up all your "top dollar limits" and if you go the whole route, look out! You're courting financial disaster.

Consider whether you actually need to make certain purchases now or will they wait? Don't give into impulse buying. Is it possible to save the money and make a cash purchase later. Don't forget that a credit purchase often costs more because interest is added to the cost of the merchandise.

Credit-friend or foe?

by SSG Maurice Frizzell

The American consumer has been captured in the world of plastic money. Daily there is the advertising industries bombardment of the "buy now and pay later" philosophy. Versions of this slogan appear in newspapers, magazines, on television, radio and are displayed prominently on roadside billboard and store marquees across the nation.

What ever happened to the theory of saving up money for a trip, a new refrigerator with a larger freezer compartment or a new suit or dress? Those days seem gone forever.

Waiting until a purchase can be afforded by either paying cash or at least placing a substantial down payment is no longer fashionable. Why put off until tomorrow what you can charge today seems to be the new buying philosophy. Thanks to a multitude of new faces in the credit line business, good ole cash-and-carry has been swallowed up by much more profitable approach to retail credit sales.

There are basically three types of credit accounts: the open or charge account's, the installment account and the popular revolving account. They work like this:

• Charge or open accounts. This type of account is more of a convenience account, enabling customers to pay for all purchases made during the month following the purchase. Usually there is no interest charge since this type of account is treated under the "30 day same as cash" philosophy. Title to the goods is immediate.

• Installment accounts. Here a written contract is used and title to the goods purchased stays with the store until the final payment is made in equal

accredited oil painting and water color classes also for advanced students.

In her classes, emphasis will be placed upon Still-life, Landscape and other areas of interest in realistic work. For more information on these continuing courses contact Isa Nicholson 561-3455 or the Activity Chairman Ardy Vincent 561-3858.

Sports

By John Chambers

All-Army basketball coach Hal Fischer said he thinks his team's chances of winning the interservice basketball championship this week at Twenty Nine Palms, Calif. are "excellent."

But he added that every coach has to be optimistic.

Fischer had more than a coach's duty feeding his optimism last week as his team left its Presidio training camp for Los Angeles and the last leg of its exhibition schedule.

The all-Army team went undefeated through 14 games against college, semi-pro and amateur teams in Northern California. Predictions that the team would be strong up front but lack outside shooting proved false.

"Actually, it proved to be just the opposite," said Fischer. "We have great outside shooting but are weak off the boards."

Injuries to two key inside players, Richard Barnes and Obie Hill, are causing the problem. Hill has a knee injury while Barnes is nursing a bad ankle.

Fischer did not announce his final team before leaving the Presidio due to several other injuries on the club. The team left with 14 men on the roster but can only go to the tournament with 12.

Fischer, who is also Presidio Sports Director, announced a "starting eight." They are: James Low (6'7", stationed at Ft. Carson, Colo.), John Benion (6'6", Ft. MacArthur, Calif.), Ed Brown (6'7", Ft. Hood, Tex.), Ted Campbell (6'8", Ft. Sill, Okl.), Obie Hill (6'8", Ft. Greely, Ala.), Bob Sherwin (6', Key West, Fla.), Alex Scott (6'3", Europe) and Richard Barnes (6'3", Ft. Rucker, Ala.).

The team was scheduled to play three exhibition games in Los Angeles. One was against last year's Pacific AAU champions, Reliable Lumber.

Fischer discounted the Army team's undefeated exhibition record as a meaningful indication of how they will perform at the interservice meet. "All the teams we played either didn't have anybody or didn't play their best men against us," he said.

All-Army coach for the last 16 years, Fischer said he expects the Marines to provide the toughest competition. "I heard they have played 40 exhibition games, but I think we have pulled even with them now."

Army has won 15 of the last 17 interservice meets.

Volleyball Season Near

Fourteen units have signed up for this year's intramural volleyball competition scheduled to begin March 13.

The units are: LAIR, Garrison, U.S. Army Medical Laboratory, Letterman, the 504th MP Battalion, the 402nd and 170th MP Company, the 864th and 51st Engineers, Support Element, Public Health Service, Oakland Army Base, the Sixth Army Band and 16th Base Post Office.

Units that have not yet applied can be accepted on a special request.

A volleyball clinic will be conducted for players, coaches, managers and officials March 11 at 1:30 in the Post Gym.

Women may participate on their unit's team. A post-level women's team will also be organized.

The intramural season is expected to last through early May.

Presidio To Host Interservice Track

Presidio will host the 1975 Interservice Track Meet it was announced last week by the Presidio Sports Department.

The post will handle most of the meet arrangements including transportation, billeting and meals for the athletes.

No exact site has been set for the staging of the meet.

Last year's meet was hosted by

McClellan Air Force Base and held at Sacramento State University.

Swimming Correction

Adult swimming lessons scheduled to begin March 18 will be given at the Presidio swimming pool (Bldg. 69) not the Letterman pool as stated in last week's Star Presidian.

INTRAMURAL BOWLING

(Feb. 20)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
Support Element #1	55½	24½
LAIR	53	27
170th MP Company	52	28
Garrison	51	29
525th MI Group	48½	31½
402nd MP Company	39	41
Armed Forces Police	35	45
Harbor Craft	34½	45½
Western Recruiting	39½	40½

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Letterman	62	14
Medical Lab	52	24
864th Engineers	51	25
Support Element #2	51	25
402nd MP Company	42	34
163rd MP Detachment	41	35
Mil-Pac 6	36	40
16th Base Post Office	16	60
Armed Forces Police	13	63

FORSCOM grants post \$1.8 million

By John Chambers

The Presidio last week received \$1.8 million toward resolving what might have been its largest budget deficit in history.

Coupled with other economic measures, the aid is expected to alleviate some of a \$1.1 million deficit had been projected for the Presidio by the end of the fiscal year.

A FORSCOM review of a Presidio fund request resulted in the additional money which will be used to offset last year's civilian pay raise, the cost of assimilating the Oakland transfer point and rising utility rates.

The Presidio's operation or OMA (Operation and Maintenance Army) funds were the source of the projected deficit. The original FY 75 budget for the Presidio submitted to FORSCOM requested \$29.2 million to cover OMA costs here. The OMA funds cover most post appropriated activity expenses with the exception of the reserves,

family housing and military pay.

However, after military fund cuts by Congress, FORSCOM was able to allocate only \$26.2 million to the Presidio.

A series of unexpected costs further depleted the Presidio treasury. These included a \$1.2 million civilian pay raise, the reassignment of the Oakland transfer point to the Presidio command, skyrocketing utility rates and the Congressional earmarking of \$600,000 in Presidio funds to update post maintenance.

While the additional funds from FORSCOM will pay most of the unforeseen expenses, the post plans to absorb the remaining deficit through tighter controls on civilian hiring, supplies and utility and vehicle use.

Twenty-three temporary civilian employees were recently dropped from the payroll, overtime has been curtailed and certain job positions are to

be discontinued or left vacant.

Post Commander Colonel Robert V. Kane rules out a civilian RIF (reduction in force) as a feasible economic measure at this point in the fiscal year. He noted that RIF benefits would cost the Presidio as much as the regular payroll.

Pay to 1,421 civilian employees accounts for 72 per cent of the post operating budget. January's civilian payroll was \$1.7 million.

RIFed civilian workers must be paid one week's pay for each year of government service under 10 years, two week's pay for 10 years and above, and accrued leave payments.

Added to limited maintenance and custodial work, ordering only the supplies needed for the current fiscal year, measures to reduce utility use and restrictions on travel, the steps taken with civilian employees are expected to save the Presidio \$100,000 a month.

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A Boat Attracting Attention

The ill-fated Letterman fishing boat Medi-craft rests in the sand next to San Francisco's Great Highway. The recreation boat sprang into city-wide headlines last week after it ran aground in the fog off Ocean Beach Feb. 28. Letterman's commanding general and executive officer were on board. No one was injured, but local news media gave the story front page exposure. A

hauling company equipped with a 70-ton crane loaded the boat onto a flatbed truck Wednesday and brought it cross-town to a shipyard near Hunter's Point. Observers who inspected the boat visually said damage to the 13½-ton craft was minimal. Letterman will keep the boat if the repairs needed to fix it are not extensive; otherwise it will be sold.

Sir Francis Drake replica arrives in San Francisco

A sixteen man firing battery from the 504th Military Police provided San Francisco's initial welcome — a 21-gun salute — to the Golden Hinde II Sunday, as the replica of Sir Francis Drake's historic vessel passed under the Golden Gate Bridge.

Thus, to the roar of cannon, the 13,000 mile voyage from Plymouth, England to San Francisco came to an end. The odyssey re-enacted one of the greatest adventures of maritime history; a journey that linked Elizabethan England with Northern California nearly 400 years ago. Pier 41 near Fishermen's Wharf will become the ships new home berth.

As the ship tied up at the Pier, more than two hours after entering the Golden Gate, a four-man color guard and a 23-man honor platoon from Headquarters Company US Army Garrison was on hand along with numerous dignitaries to officially welcome Golden Hinde II to her new home.

Under the guiding hand of Captain Adrian Small, a sailing master from Devon where Drake himself was born and lived, the 102-foot square rigged vessel followed the original route of Drake's voyage of circumnavigation, sailing from Plymouth to Lisbon, then down to the South Atlantic and the Canary Islands to catch the trade winds blowing from the North East to the Barbados Islands of the New World.

With the exception of an auxiliary engine for

getting into and out of port, and modern steering gear, Golden Hinde II is an exact duplicate of the original 15th century warship, down to the tree nails in the hull and the handwoven hemp ropes.

More than five years in the planning and construction, the keel was laid in November, 1971 at J. Hinks & Sons Shipyard in Appledore, Decon, culminating more than three and a half years of research and drawings by naval architect L. Christian Norgaard of Marin County—the county along which coast Sir Francis Drake is said to have sailed for repairs, claiming the land for Queen Elizabeth I and naming it "Nova Albion." As he described the Golden Hinde: "It was a typical mid-16th century warship, during the transition from the carrack to the galleon showing the influence of Venetian shipbuilding."

Constructed of the same materials as the original, elm, pine, oak and fir was obtained from all over England. The mainmast, itself 60 feet high and six inches in girth, is one huge fir tree.

Eighteen period cannon had to be designed and cast; and the Hinde figurehead, the lion on top of the rudder post, and all the ship's trim and stern relief were hand carved.

Typical oak furniture of Elizabethan times found aboard such vessels also had to be re-created. The end result is a "floating museum" costing nearly a million and a half dollars which

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City board de-emphasises discharges

By John Chambers

A less than honorable military discharge is not reason enough for a city contractor or supplier to refuse a person employment, according to a recent ruling by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission; but statistics and Presidio legal experts indicated the decision is far from a nation-wide trend.

In a unanimous vote Feb. 27, the Commission declared it discriminatory for city related employers to inquire into an applicant's military or arrest record in other than extraordinary circumstances.

In testimony before the 10-man panel, Commission Director William Becker said these practices kept people from being hired, creating untouchables in the employment market.

Becker said many of the less than honorable discharges were for acts not considered crimes in the civilian world. A commission spokesman later said employers may still examine military records when filling certain sensitive positions, and added that the ruling was made to prevent someone from paying for one mistake for the rest of his or her life.

Figures quoted before the meeting showed that most employers will not hire someone discharged from the service under less than honorable conditions. A member of the Presidio Judge Advocate's Office added that "quite a few" employers will not hire an applicant with a general discharge under honorable conditions.

According to statistics presented to the panel:

- A 1973 Department of Defense survey indicated that 75 per cent of the nation's employers would not hire an applicant with a less than honorable discharge,

- In 1974, 50 per cent of the employers in the Bay Area would not employ a person with an undesirable, bad conduct or dishonorable discharge,

- A poll showed 18 of 20 major Bay Area employers asked for discharge records from their job applicants,

- Some 550 black Vietnam veterans in the Bay Area between the ages of 20 and 24 have less than honorable discharges. Ninety per cent of these discharges were administrative rather than for court-martial offenses.

The San Francisco Human Rights Commission is an agency of the City and County of San Francisco. It reviews the type of applications used by employers contracted to the city and investigates complaints by individuals.

Started in 1964, the 15 members appointed by the mayor and operating under his office, have power as a board to recommend disapproval of city or county contracts to firms not complying with their standards.



Ramblin' Sam

How did you like the

switch to daylight-saving time?



Sp4 Ricky N. Rayes, 16th Base Post Office

"I think the hours are really good because I prefer going to work earlier in the morning and getting off earlier in the afternoon. It gives me more daylight for my personal activities."

FC James Carpenter, Transportation Motor Pool

"The change in time doesn't matter to me at all because when I come to work it's dark and when I get off it's dark."

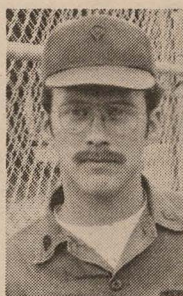


Sp5 Edward Thurmos, HQ Company, U.S. Army Garrison

"I think daylight-saving time is a nice time. I wish they would keep it, because it does give you more time in the evenings. Even though I come to work in the dark, it seems I have more daylight to enjoy the things I like to do while it is still light."

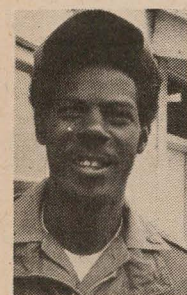
Sp5 March Schnidler, HQ Company, U.S. Army Garrison

"I prefer daylight-saving time because it gives me more time in the evening. And because it is daylight longer, I have more daylight to spend with my family in the outdoors during the good summer weather."



Lt. Robbie Bazer, Transportation Motor Pool

"Daylight-saving time is sometimes confusing because you have to switch back and forth in the spring and summer. It was especially confusing this year because it came earlier than normal and a lot of people didn't know about it. It's strange to get up early in the morning, but when you get use to it, it really doesn't matter."



Presidio News Notes

New Presidio Boutique to Poen

CREATIONS UNLIMITED, the new boutique, gift-shop and gallery, proudly announces an opening exhibit Sunday March 16 from 2 to 6 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend, meet the artists and celebrate the opening of this most unique Presidio shop. The boutique, an extension of the Thrift Shop, will provide an area where Presidians may shop for unique gifts and treasures among the needlework, fashions, craft items and art works the shop will offer. All the works of art are original, hand crafted and submitted by military personnel, their dependents and civilian personnel working on the Presidio. More than 100 artists will be exhibiting during the opening. The shop's regular hours of operation starting March 19, will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays and the first Saturday of each month.

Photo Shop Open

For all photographers who desire to do their own black and white developing and printing, the photo hobby shop is now open. The photo hobby shop, located in the Arts and Crafts Center, Bldg 122, is open Mon-Wed from 6-10 pm, and Sat-Sun 1-5 pm.

West Point Grad Dinner

Graduates of the United States Military Academy will assemble in the Presidio Officers' Open Mess at 6:30 p.m. March 14 to celebrate the founding of West Point, the nation's oldest service academy, 173 years ago.

Letterman Women's Club Luncheon

Rasjad Hopkins, director of the Norpro Art Galleries will be the guest speaker at Letterman Women's Luncheon on Thursday March 13, 1975 at the Fort Mason Officer's Club. Sherry at 11:30 and lunch at noon.

Cub Scout Banquet

A banquet was held Feb. 26 at the Recreation Center for the mothers of Cub Scout Pack 77 (Blue and Gold).

Once a year, Cub Scout packs host a dinner in honor of the mothers and fathers of the boys in the packs to give recognition to the effort put forth by parents in support of the scouting program and to present advancement awards.

Among the honored guests at the February event were Lieutenant Colonel Norman D. Harms (DPCA), Chaplain (Captain) R.W. Johnson, Major Trevor Bissey (525th Military Intelligence Group), Leo Condry (assistant scout master of Troop 77) and Mr. Ben Kvitky (Presidio Youth Activities director).

Major J. Koonin, 504th Military Police Battalion executive officer, was the honored speaker.

Marriage Enrichment Course

A 10-week marriage enrichment course is being offered at the Presidio beginning this week at the Religious Activities Center (Bldg. 682). A \$2.00 fee will be charged for the textbook "Communication — the Key to Your Marriage." To register call 561-3535/4440.

Editor— In reference to your front page article, 3 Mar. 75, titled "Soaring Prices and the Presidio," I offer the following:

(From the Shopping Comparison story):

"All the comparisons are for the exact same product by the same producer."

This is misleading as: "a good deal" is gotten at the commissary. Actually, the commissary price list should have included the surcharge of its items. In addition no note was made that civilian stores carry their own brands (many of equal quality to name brands), where a substantial savings, on a civilian standard, can be obtained and which, in many cases, brings their price comparable to that of the commissary with out the added "service" charge.

More note should be made to what a person has to go through to receive the "good deal" the commissary, supposedly, offers.

Civilian stores, overall, considering the purchase of off-brands, runs about 10% higher than the commissary. In spite of this higher charge on the outside my husband and I prefer to shop civilian because: 1. A civilian store gives no "hassle" about the use of coupons for savings. The commissary, I have experienced, doesn't bother to offer me this convenience and when on rare occasions I raise the question as to the use of coupons I am "run around the bush." 2. A civilian store is attractive and organized, (something which must cost more than the 10% increase of prices). Carts are not gotten by waiting around forever in a running duel with a group for the last or one of the few carts around. 3. Refunds for any reason are "cheerfully refund" supposedly the motto of AAFES: I haven't seen it in action yet.

And what of a monopoly? My husband and I, both over 21 years, do not drink much, especially beer, but occasion called on us to buy two cases recently. Not having compared, I assume the post would have it cheaper. After getting the beer home, I found that, for the exact same product by the same producer my local civilian store sold it for 13¢ a six-pack cheaper, which would have been a savings of over a dollar.

This has shown me that, for some reason, on some articles, such as beer, which the PX will sell to the 18 year-old soldier and which the civilian store will not, a higher charge is placed, in excess of the price on the comparable civilian market.

So, in summary, all I can speak for is my family. But in the recent months of the inflation in prices, especially in food, we have turned away from the commissary as a refuge; it is not by any means, unless your family consists of over five people. For the younger military families, its no convenience, and should not be propagandized as such.

Unsigned

The commissary's three per cent surcharge was figured into the total shopping bill as was sales tax on certain items in the civilian market. The commissary and the exchange are completely separate operations. Low prices at the commissary are due largely to appropriated funds the store presently receives from the government. The Army and Air Force Exchange system is self-supporting. Beer is not sold at the commissary. It is not the PX policy to sell beer to persons under 21 years of age. — Editor

CAR POOL

Pat Puckett, Waterville and Silver Ave., San Francisco to Presidio (Bldg. 87). Needs a ride. Telephone: 3988 or 2826.

Rosie Howard, Grove and Stuart Streets, Berkeley to LAMC (Bldg. 651). Telephone: 561-5631 (work) or 845-5071 (home). Wants a ride. Will share expenses.

William Morgan, 399 South Gate, Daily City (West Lake Area) telephone (work) 5634 (home) 756-7099 Destination: Bldg 650, PSF. Can drive three days a week but will need a ride on Fridays.

Kathie McClelland, 95 Medway Road, Canal Area, San Rafael, telephone (home) 457-1072 (work) 4516/4096. Destination: Bldg 220. Will drive in car pool and/or share expenses.

SFC Elwood, telephone (duty) 4656/4968. Would like to join or start a car pool between Fairfield and the Presidio. Day shift Monday through Friday.

Marilyn Novell, 3275 Mission, San Francisco, telephone (duty) 2274, Destination: Bldg. 38, PSF. Will need a ride Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Gilberta Heaster, 4405 California Street, San Francisco, telephone (home) 387-8488 (duty) 2733/4151. Destination: Bldg 38. Needs ride from Richmond District, S.F., Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 4:15 schedule.

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd, Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518 (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing car pool.

SP5 Eugenia L. Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland, telephone (duty) 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Renee A. Hargrove, 259 San Luis #2, San Bruno, telephone (home) 871-8792. Destination: National Cemetery (on post). Will drive in car pool or share expenses, 8 to 5 schedule.

Gloria J. McLarnan, Santa Rosa to Presidio (Bldg. 39). Needs a ride and will share expenses. Telephone: 707-542-5940 (Home), 3137 (work).

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MPs get advanced training

By C.D. Steen

Twenty military policemen from the 402d MP company, recently completed a four-day Advanced Police Officer Training Course (APOTC).

The men, selected by the 402d company commander, participated in eight hours of training in each of four courses, which included a weapons firing course, basic first-aid techniques, demolitions and drug enforcement.

The soldiers, who are an integral part of the company's special weapons and tactics (SWAT) team, also practiced basic infantry movement and maneuvers. They trained individually and as a team.

An instructor from the Golden Gate Chapter of the American Red Cross provided basic first-aid techniques to the men on the second day of the training program. This block showed the 20 MPs how to recognize and handle an injury on the

Photos by C.D. Steen



A white billow of smoke marks the spot where a pound of TNT was detonated during the demolitions course at Camp Parks. Members of the 402d spot, apply splints and perform other life-saving techniques. The men viewed informative films and practiced first-aid on each other to become more familiar with life-saving methods.

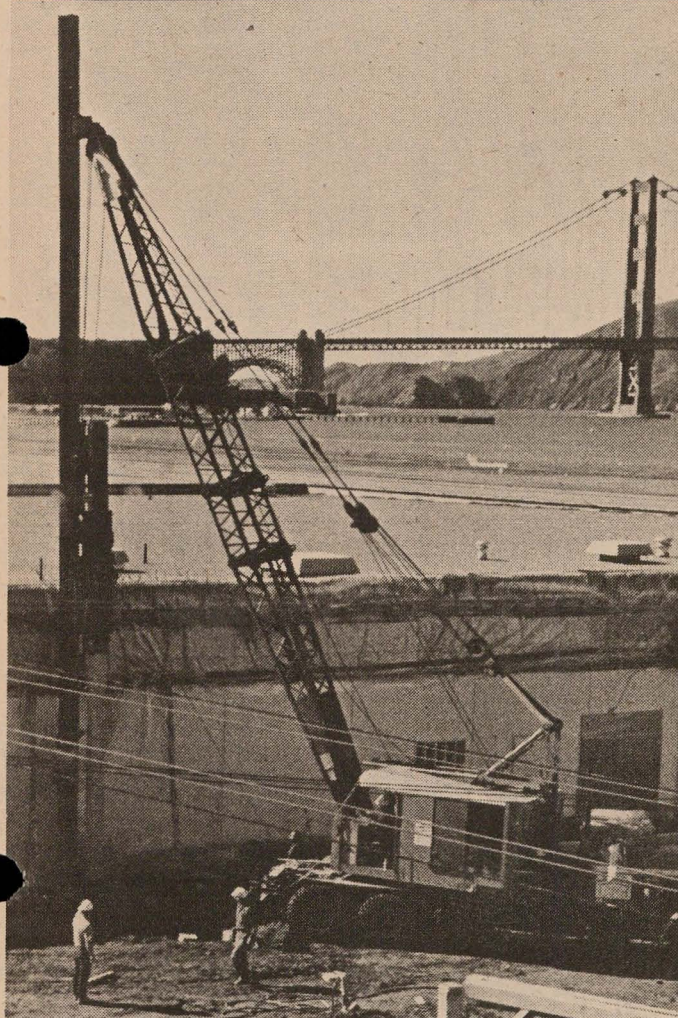
At Camp Parks, about an hour drive from the Presidio, the APOTC selectees literally got a bang out of the demolitions course, as instructed by personnel from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Department of Treasury.

The soldiers received instructions on types of explosives, explosives detonation, bomb search

MP Company view the explosion from a nearby hill.

techniques and equipment, and initial investigation at a bomb scene.

Drug enforcement wound out the advanced course with training in basic drug identification, field testing for drugs, drug smuggling and trafficking, and identifying drug users. Personnel from the San Francisco field office of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Dept. of Justice, also instructed on criminal proceedings and legalities, and discussed drug raid operations.



New Warehouse for PX

Construction workers use a pile driver to sink the supports of a new warehouse being built for the Post Exchange. Located behind the exchange, the extra merchandise stored on its floor space is expected to mean faster service and possibly a wider variety for Presidio shoppers.

Beware of home gardening equipment

About 123,500 lawn and gardening enthusiasts will wind up in hospital emergency rooms this year because of accidents associated with yard and garden equipment.

That startling disclosure from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is passed along as a word of caution for military families anxious to get busy on their lawns and gardens.

Heading the list of products involved in personal injury are power accessories. Power lawn mowers, are annually associated with over 60,000 injuries that require hospital emergency room care, and countless lesser cases that go unreported but cause pain and injury just the same.

A look at accidents over the past few years reveals major patterns associated with power lawn mowers, especially the rotary models.

Direct contact with moving blades is one such pattern. A clump of grass clogged in the discharge chute often causes an accident when the operator tries to clear it while the motor is running. Mowing on an incline also is dangerous

because the operator may slip and thrust a hand or foot into the fiercely whirling blade.

Then there's the danger of propelled objects. Blades that move over 200 miles per hour can hurl stones or other projectiles with deadly velocity, and operators as well as bystanders and even neighbors have been seriously injured this way. Just a few minutes taken to remove stones, bits of wire or metal and other objects before mowing can greatly reduce this danger.

Although mowers are associated with a large percentage of backyard injuries there are many other dangers. Power hedge trimmers, for example, last year sent an estimated 8,400 people to the hospital because of careless handling. Fatigue, hand cramps, and standing on a box or chair while trimming were all listed as reasons for this needless pain and injury.

Power equipment with an electric cord poses another potential danger. Victims of injury frequently have attributed the cause of their accident to distraction while pulling the cord or trying to keep it from being cut.

The practical way to fill out an EER

A sizeable portion of the people filling out Enlisted Efficiency Reports here don't know what they are doing, according to Presidio Personnel.

Many think they are giving people under their supervision a fair rating when they actually are not.

Others give a bad report that may take the rated man or woman years to overcome.

Inflation is the source of the problem. For years raters, for one reason or another, have given their charges higher ratings than they actually deserve.

It has finally caught up with them and everyone else. The EER form's "unsatisfactory," "below average," "average," "above average," "excellent" and "outstanding" have become meaningless in themselves.

The Enlisted Efficiency Report, or EER, plays a large part in the soldier's military career. Coupled with scores from his military occupation specialty test, it helps the Department of the Army determine the individuals' promotions and assignments.

After years of consistently high and often undeserved efficiency reports, a single report in itself is no longer indicative of a man or woman's true worth or potential. It must be compared to the Army-wide average for people in the soldier's grade.

For instance, if the rater considers a PFC he is rating an average soldier, he might mark all "average's" on the EER's six-part characteristics block and mark "promote EM with contemporaries" under advancement potential. These are the only

two sections from which points are derived.

Using the rating system provided by DA, that soldier has a total of 51.2 points. The rater probably thinks he has been fair to the individual and done his part to prevent the rating system from being inflated.

He probably has, but he has also done a good job of hurting the man's career. As of Jan. 31, 1975, the average EER received by a PFC totaled 87.55 points — a figure which makes this soldier's EER well below average.

Since future EERs will comprise only a fraction of the man's point total, it will take several "outstanding" EERs to bring his total to the average level at which his rater thought he scored him.

There is little that can be done at the rater's level to bring the system back into focus. Presidio personnel estimates that it would take a year of "unsatisfactory" EERs on everyone in the Army to bring the system around to its proper perspective.

With this unlikely to happen, raters can do their part by knowing how to fill out an EER.

Three pieces of material are necessary to score an EER accurately: the EER form, the point values for the ratings on the form and the latest Army-wide EER averages for each rank.

The process is described in detail in the current Army pamphlet "The Enlisted Evaluation System" (611-8). By comparing these sets of data, a rater can arrive at a report which is fair to the individual and reflects the rater's own estimation of him.

To make an accurate report, certain information must also appear in the "comments of the rater" box. For E-6s and above, the rater must indicate the person's first sergeant potential and whether or not that person implements equal opportunities practices. The latter applies to all supervisors. These remarks will be important if DA examines the man or woman's records while considering them for promotion to any senior NCO rank.

Reviewers should also make sure the person rated indicates he has received a copy of the report by signing it. If for some reason the person does not sign the EER, the reviewer should make a note in the comment section.

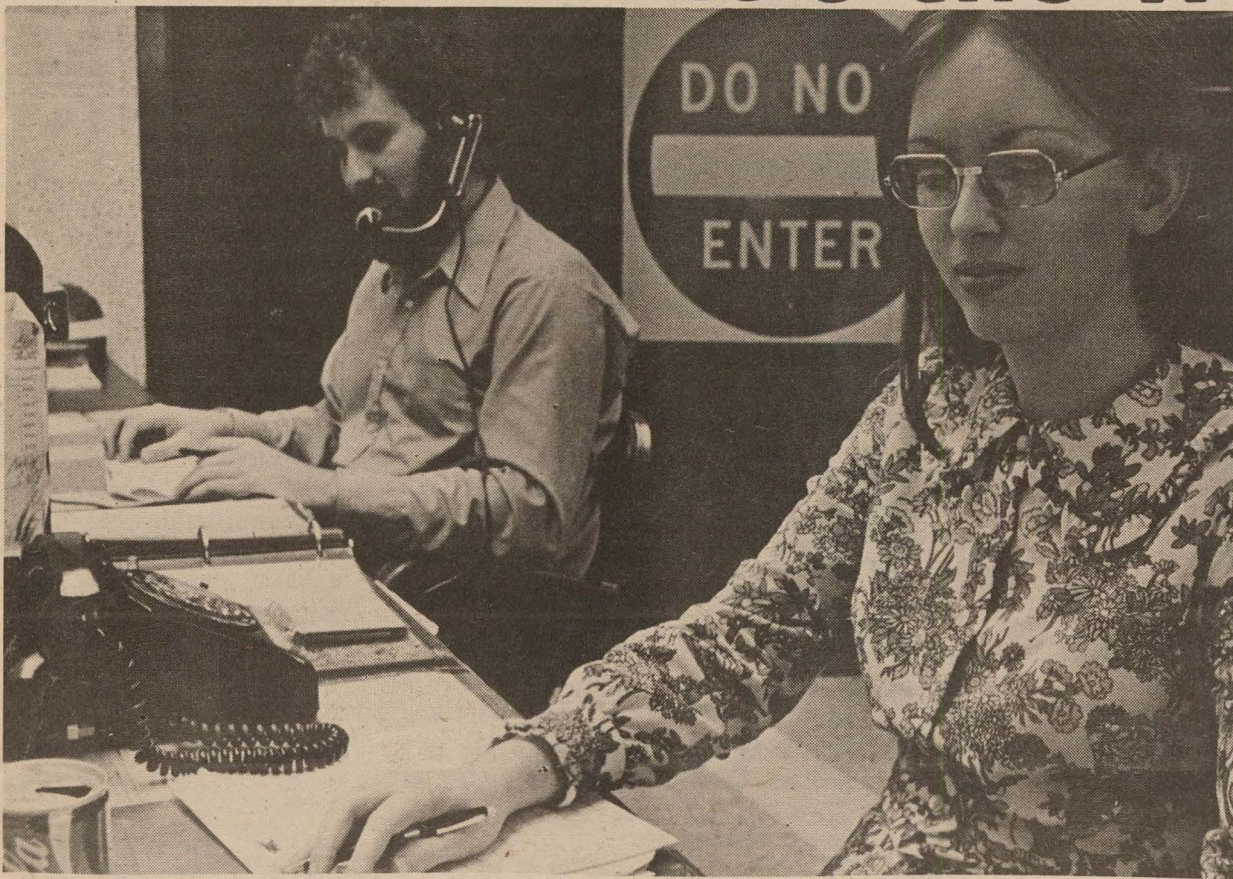
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John Chambers

It's not the pay you get— it's the work you do

Story & Photos by C.D. Steen



Liz Greely and Charlie Stevens stay busy taking calls and filling out workorders during a peak

calling period at the Post Engineer work order desk.

It is sometimes assumed that low pay means less work and responsibility.

But for a couple of GS-3s working at Post Engineers, their work is sometimes more than they can handle.

Liz Greeley and Charlie Stevens spend their eight hours a day, five days a week job at the work order desk, the "hub" of the engineer work force. Their job entails answering phone calls from installations all over the Presidio that need maintenance help from the engineers.

They write job orders down on the necessary work forms, and get them to the different engineer work forces. Of course, there is plenty of filing to do, too.

"It's not the work itself that is so tough, sometimes," explains 20-year-old Liz, who has long, straight hair and wears stylish gold-rimmed granny glasses, "it's the amount of calls we may get. Sometimes over a hundred calls a day come in and each call has to be recorded on a job order."

Golden Hinde II sails into Bay

has come about through the efforts of a consortium of San Francisco businessmen.

A three-masted ship, with a gun deck, main deck, half deck, quarter deck and poop deck, the Golden Hinde II weighs merely 100 tons. But, it was with just such a ship that Sir Francis Drake was able to strike terror into the hearts of Spaniards who nicknamed him "El Draque," the dragon; and with which he became the first Englishman to circumnavigate the globe.

Many of the calls come in over a short period of time and it's a mad rush trying to write all the requests down."

Charlie, a barrel-chested man of 23 with a head of dark curly hair and beard to match, explained further. "All we are supposed to do is take down the problem from the caller and get it to the different engineer work sections who can handle the problem. But sometimes the person on the other end of the line thinks that either I or Liz are the ones who will handle the problem and almost demand us to get right over there and fix or solve whatever is wrong."

We explain to them that their request will be sent along to the proper work section and that help will be out as soon as possible. Maybe a half hour later there will be a call back from the requesting party asking why we aren't out there. Calls like that can be a real hassle."

"It makes it real easy for us when a caller gives us just the pertinent facts on the job," added Liz.

(from front page)

In her gold and red livery and under full sail, Sir Francis Drake in all probability felt the way Captain Adrian Small did when he wrote in the Golden Hinde II log book: "I wish you could have seen the ship sailing down to Portugal. It was a sight worth seeing."

The Golden Hinde II will be berthed at Pier 41 South and will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to sunset, seven days a week.

"We want to know the exact location, with building number if possible, and facts about the problem. And we wish the requesting party would wait at least an hour before calling back if someone hasn't arrived. Unless, of course, the problem is a real emergency."

Each will tell you that the job can't be handled alone during the day. (At night, the job is handled by one of the enlisted engineers who takes the calls and does the repair work.)

While one of them is taking a call, the other is busy writing up a job order. On a typical Monday, the busiest day of the week for Liz and Charlie, calls may come in so often that neither may get a break for hours. Charlie says he sometimes uses a telephone operator's headset because the constant picking up of the telephone receiver gets to be too tiring.

If the calls slacken off, which they do, then there is the filing. If Liz and Charlie catch up on filling out work orders, they then busy themselves filing "third forms" in special filing boxes in the office where they work. With maybe hundreds of forms to be properly placed, a break in the telephone action may have to be used in filing.

However busy and tiring their work is, both enjoy it. Though the job may not seem as rewarding as perhaps an executive position, they said they know that their contributions to the engineers, by keeping things running smoothly, benefits all.



There are always plenty of "3rd forms" to file as Liz depicts here. When the phone action slows, filing takes up a lot of the slack time.

Sports

With an 8-1 exhibition record against teams from the University of California Medical Center, Monterey Junior College, Los Medinos College and Ft. Ord, the Presidio women's basketball team left Saturday to compete in the FORSCOM basketball tourney at Ft. Hood, Tex.

"We've got an excellent chance of bringing home the trophy," said Sandy Colaw, the team's coach. "The team is strong both offensively and defensively. With shooting from Kathy Williams, Eugenia Ross and Pat Brown, who can all hit around 20 points a game, I think we can net first place. I'm optimistic."

Other teams members competing in the double elimination tourney March 10-14 are: Susan Grigsby, Marie Pollard, Mary Hood, Agnes Ellis, Debbie Garvey, Eugenia Ross, Tracy Moody and Kim Stevenson.

Women's Volleyball League

Women's Interservice Recreational League (WIRL) volleyball play will begin sometime in March. Efforts are now being made by various installations to form teams. The Presidio team has already begun recruiting players and practice will start Tuesday March 11 at 5 p.m. Those who have not signed up yet can do so by calling Becky Ho at the Post Gym (4120/5032). A volleyball clinic will be held March 11 in the Post Gym at 1:30 p.m. for all interested players.

The members of the Presidio FORSCOM bowling team were announced last week by the Sports Department.

They are: (men's) Pete Taoy, Bob Corrigan, Randy Ruegsegger, John Finkbohner and alternate Bob Lilley; (women's) Dolores Diener, Karen Johnson, Hannelore Smith and Bernice Boyd.

All those interested in playing intramural volleyball, the season is scheduled to begin March 17.

INTRAMURAL BOWLING

(Mar. 3)

	Won	Lost
Presidio League		
Support Element	58½	24½
LAIR	56	28
170th MP Company	53	31
Garrison	52	32
525th MI Group	51½	32½
402nd MP Company	43	41
Armed Forces Police	39	45
Harbor Craft	34½	49½
Western Recruiting	31½	52½

	Won	Lost
Ft. Scott League		
Letterman	66	14
Medical Lab	56	24
864th Engineers	55	25
Support Element #2	55	25
402nd MP Company	42	38
163rd MP Detachment	41	39
Mil-Pac 6	40	40
16th Base Post Office	16	64
Armed Forces Police	13	67

New surveys inflate PX gas prices

Recent changes in the way the post exchange sets its gasoline prices have meant slightly higher prices at Presidio filling stations.

Increases of one to two cents per gallon resulted last month when the exchange conformed to civilian gas station survey techniques set down by the Federal Energy Administration and the Department of Defense.

The FEA ordered exchanges in the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam to set their sell price according to a survey of the prices at the 20 gas stations nearest the installation they serve, to include those run by independents and major oil companies. Under the old system, an unspecified number were polled and only those of major manufacturers.

An average price is determined for the stations surveyed and the exchange sets its price three cents under that average. Formerly, the exchange could set its price three cents under the average or under the price posted by the majority of the stations, whichever meant the greatest savings to its customers.

While the new method is expected to represent a savings in many locations, that has not been the case here.

There are no independents among the 20 stations closest to the Presidio (13 on Lombard Street, 4 on Van Ness Avenue and 3 near the Arguello Gate).

Additionally, the averaging technique does not allow the exchange to disregard a few higher priced stations as it could when it had the option to base its price on a majority of the stations surveyed.

Prices at the Presidio pumps as of March 10 were 56 cents for premium, 51.7 for regular and 54 cents for unleaded. They are three cents below the average of the 20 stations surveyed.

Prices at the self-service Ft. Baker pumps were slightly lower — 54.6 cents for premium and 51.1 for regular. These prices are based on a separate survey conducted in Marin.

That survey came out slightly higher than the San Francisco sampling but was offset by the price reduction allowed for self-service pumps (5 cents below the survey average). Self-service pumps are not allowed in the County of San Francisco according to exchange officials.

The exchange's service station manager usually conducts his weekly survey of local civilian stations on Fridays. Any price changes resulting from that survey are made between the close of business Friday and start of business Saturday.

Ft. Baker station prices are based on a monthly survey, because it takes longer to make the survey in Marin than in San Francisco.

The first surveys under the new guidelines were taken around Feb. 17.

The Presidio service station manager said he and his staff are trying to get the lowest price possible while staying within the DOD guidelines. "I hope we can get the prices down," he said.

By John Chambers

Post again testing people for drugs

By John Chambers

Despite the adverse publicity it has received, the Army's drug urinalysis program swung into action here last month testing some 55 people without so much as one no-show or a single complaint of illegality.

"We've had the usual gripes given about any Army detail," said the medic administering the tests, "but nothing like anyone complaining their constitutional rights are being violated."

The Army-wide program to identify drug users by testing the urine of all active duty soldiers under 26 years-old was begun last month on directions of Defense Secretary James Schlesinger.

Schlesinger had suspended the program in July 1974 after a ruling by the Military Court of Appeals. Judging the case of the United States vs Ruiz, the military high court said submission to the urinalysis testing program was self-incriminating if the results could be used for disciplinary purposes.

Many soldiers viewed the decision as a major victory for individual rights within the military.

Under the new program, announced in

January, evidence developed from urinalysis testing or in follow-up rehabilitative drug programs may not be used for disciplinary purposes. Commanders can recommend individuals failing the remedial program for elimination from the service. Their discharge, however, must be honorable.

The Presidio Alcohol and Drug Prevention Center is responsible for an ambitious local urinalysis program encompassing some 2,100 people scattered through more than 70 units from here to Butte, Montana.

With the aid of a computer, program director Major William E. Hougen receives updated lists of the people falling under his administration. They are called in for testing about once every eight months, tested and entered into the Center's rehabilitation program if necessary.

"Some" positive drug tests have been recorded already but Hougen describes individual and unit cooperation as excellent.

At present, only amphetamines, barbituates,

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Federal health benefit changes made last year

1974 was a very busy year for the employees of the U.S. Civil Service Commission's Bureau of Retirement, Insurance, and Occupational Health. So what does that have to do with you? As a Federal employee, it has a lot more to do with you than you probably realize.

A lot of what the Bureau's employees have been doing affects or could affect both you and your family. In addition to the regular day-to-day activities necessary to administer the retirement, life insurance, and health benefits programs for Federal employees, Bureau employees have, during the past year, implemented some significant program changes which potentially could involve survivor protection for your spouse, the

amount of the annuity you will receive when you retire and the amount of your health benefits premium.

Let's take a look at how your benefit programs changed in 1974. Some of the changes which could affect all employees relate to survivor benefits and to annuity rates. Until last April, the widow or widower of a deceased Federal employee was eligible to receive monthly survivor benefits only if the deceased employee had completed 18 months of service and if the spouse had been married to the employee for 2 years prior to the date of death (or was the parent of a child of the marriage). The retirement law was then

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Pvt. Raymond Dickson, assistant loader; SP4 Ronnie Fryday, loader; Sgt Richard Veal, firer participate in a salute fired in honor of the Golden Hinde when the replica of Sir Francis Drake's vessel entered the Bay recently. (Photo by A.C. Ryea)

Aquarius Club top recreation for youth

BY C.D. STEEN

Are there any youngsters at Presidio who wish to become an Olympic Swimming star? If so, the Aquarius Swimming Club, located on the Presidio, is a good organization to get you started.

If you have competitive spirit, like to swim, are a military dependent, and are 18 years old or younger, this year-round activity may be what you have been waiting for. With approximately 50 local boys and girls in the Aquarius Swimming Club, more youths are invited to join. These young people compete against swimmers of other clubs from counties north of San Francisco.

"The young people don't have to be aspiring swimming athletes to join," said club vice president, Lieutenant Colonel Edward L. Smith. "Our swimming coach, Don Perez, will start a willing child and build up his or her speed and stamina in any, or all, of the four basic Olympic swimming styles the child has chosen. Beginners compete at the Class B level. As timings improve and reach the Pacific Association Time Standards level they are moved up to the Class A and Class Double A level."

Don Perez claims that many youngsters have begun as meager swimmers at best, and advanced to very proficient swimmers at the Class A and Double A level while in the club. One current successful member is nine-year-old Karen Engelkirk. She joined as a weak swimmer four months ago. Since that time she has progressed to Class A in the 25 yard backstroke, and is becoming proficient in other styles as well. (The four basic Olympic styles stressed by the club are free-style, back stroke, breast stroke, and butterfly).

There are two types of competitions. The normal meets, where as many as 10 clubs gather

and all members of the teams compete on an individual level, and the dual and tri-meets where it's club against club. In most cases, contests are at the individual competition level. With six age levels (6 years and under, 8 and under, 10 and under, 11 and 12-year-old, 13 and 14-year-old, and 15 through 18-year-old), a swimmer has to compete only in his or her own age group.

Though it's the youths who participate in the competitions, the club is a family affair. Contests are held twice a month, taking up a full weekend at each meeting. With some competitions being held in scenic areas such as Napa and Sonoma Counties, it gets a family out to see some of the beautiful country to the north. During competition breaks, families can have picnics together or join in games with other families. This is one of the benefits of having a child in the club.

As in any sport, winners and runners-up get awards. At the end of swimming meets, the top six or eight placements (depending on how many lanes are used) are awarded ribbons in Class B competitions, and medals for Class A and Double A for achieving the Pacific Association Time Standard levels plus ribbons for placement.

Every June and December, the Aquarius Swimming Club holds a banquet for members and their families. Achievements of all swimmers are brought to the attention of banquet attendees. There are special awards for swimmers with the best overall attendance and swimming record.

If swimming appeals to you, and you wish to join the Aquarius swimmers, the club members practice at the Letterman Hospital swimming pool every weekday, 4-6 pm. You are invited to watch or participate. Swim coach Don Perez will provide further details on joining the club.

Chapels set Holy Week services

A full schedule of religious activities has been prepared at the Presidio for the observance of Holy Week. The schedule of the activities is:

Catholic

Chapel of Our Lady

11:35 a.m. — Monday-Wednesday
4:45 p.m. — Tuesday, Reconciliation Service, Confessions
4:45 p.m. — Holy Thursday
4:45 p.m. — Good Friday
7 p.m. — Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday Masses
Chapel of Our Lord 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Fort Baker Chapel 11 a.m.
Fort Scott Chapel 12:30 p.m.

Protestant

Post Chapel

March 23 - 7 p.m.— Palm Sunday Choir Concert
March 27- 7 p.m.— Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion
March 28 1 p.m. — Good Friday
March 30 - 7 a.m.— Sunrise Communion Celebration
9 a.m., 11 a.m. — Easter Celebrations
Fort Baker Chapel — Easter Service — 9 a.m.
Fort Scott Chapel — Easter Service — 11 a.m.
Religious Activities Center — EASTER BREAKFAST — 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

**It's easier to do
a tough job you like
than a soft job
you hate.**

If you're good at what you do, you know how good it feels, no matter how tough it gets.

You know how good it feels when your team knows how good you are.

You know how good it feels to do a job a civilian could never do, or a job you thought could never be done.

You know how good it feels to put on a uniform to do a job for your Country.

And if that's how you feel, you're our kind of soldier. And we're your kind of Army. Today's Army gets better every time a good soldier reenlists.

**Call the man
with a plan.**

**SFC Bates
3594/3108**

H. Hein, Albany area and North Berkeley, telephone (home) 524-3280 (duty) 2241, destination: PSF, need riders and drivers for car pool.

Renee A. Hargrove, 259 San Luis #2, San Bruno, telephone (home) 871-7492. Destination: National Cemetery (on post). Will drive on car pool or share expenses.

Jack E. Pine, Half Moon Bay (Pacifica area), telephone (home) 726-4549 (duty) 5179, Destination: PSF. Riders wanted, will share expenses.

Gloria J. McLarnan, Santa Rosa to Presidio (Bldg. 39). Needs a ride and will share expenses. Telephone: 707-542-5940 (Home), 3137 (work).

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SP5 John Chambers: Associate Editor

Federal health benefits

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liberalized to reduce this length of marriage requirement from 2 years to 1 year. In addition, the maximum amount the Government can contribute to an enrollment was increased from 50 percent to 75 percent of the total cost.

In addition to program changes which potentially could affect all employees, several retirement program changes were implemented which relate to law enforcement and fire fighter personnel only. The agency and employee contribution rates for these 2 groups were raised to help finance changes such as lower mandatory retirement age and a liberalized annuity computation formula.

As you can see, 1974 brought some significant benefit program changes. If you want additional information on any of these changes or on any provisions of the retirement, life insurance, or health benefits programs, contact your personnel office.

About 6 months later, another law relating to survivor benefits was enacted. When you retire you must agree to take a reduction in your annuity rate in order to provide a monthly benefit to your surviving spouse. Until October this reduction

was a permanent one. It would have continued even if your spouse died before you or if you were divorced after you retired.

The October amendment to the retirement law changed that. Now, if at retirement you elect to receive a reduced annuity in order to provide monthly benefits for your surviving spouse and the marriage subsequently terminates, that reduction is eliminated.

1974 also saw the introduction of a new provision for a guaranteed minimum annuity. The minimum is tied to the smallest primary insurance amount authorized by the Social Security Act. This translates currently into a \$94.00 monthly minimum annuity after 5 years of service.

You probably already have been affected by the change in the health benefits program. Effective with the first day period after January 1, 1974, the Government's contribution to health benefits premiums was increased from 40 percent to 50 percent of the average high option premium of the 6 largest plans participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. The contribution was further increased to 60 percent effective with the first pay period after January 1, 1975.

CAR POOL

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd, Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518 (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing car pool.

SP5 Eugenia L. Ross, 161635th Avenue, Oakland, telephone (duty) 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

M/SGT Larry Blanc, Roanoke Park, telephone (duty) 3922, Destination: LAMC, day shift, Monday through Friday. Will drive and share in driving.

Pat Puckett, Waterville and Silver Ave., San Francisco to Presidio (Bldg. 87). Needs a ride. Telephone: 3988 or 2826.

SFC Elwood, telephone (duty) 4656/4968. Would like to join or start a car pool between Fairfield and the Presidio. Day shift Monday through Friday

Rosie Howard, Grove and Stuart Streets, Berkeley to LAMC (Bldg. 651). Telephone: 561-5631 (work) or 845-5071 (home). Wants a ride. Will share expenses.

William Morgan, 399 South Gate, Daily City (West Lake Area) telephone (work) 5634 (home) 756-7099 Destination: Bldg 650, PSF. Can drive three days a week but will need a ride on Fridays.

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Station reup option cut

The shortage in Army PCS funds is causing cutbacks in numerous activities. Among the latest to be affected is the CONUS station or area of choice reenlistment option.

This reenlistment option was modified effective Mar. 1. Under the change, only soldiers in two categories may now reenlist under the option: Qualified soldiers serving overseas who

wish to reenlist for a particular CONUS station — and soldiers who reenlist to remain at their present CONUS duty station.

No other reenlistments under the CONUS station or area of choice option are now authorized. Requests for intra-CONUS reenlistment under the station of choice option received by Mar. 1 at MILPERCEN still will be processed. DA message 150528 Feb. 85 has the details.

DA alters insignia rules

The Army has modified its policy on subdued insignia. Enlisted soldiers now have the option of wearing subdued sew-on grade insignia in lieu of pin on insignia.

Commissioned and warrant officers may wear non-subdued grade insignia on headgear if authorized by their major command.

In another insignia change, enlisted soldiers now have the option of wearing bright brass

insignia on overcoats, raincoats and windbreakers. The new insignia is an optional purchase-and-wear item in lieu of the current subdued insignia with white plastic backing.

The brass insignia is available for purchase from Army and Air Force Exchange outlets. A mandatory changeover date will be set later as the insignia becomes available in the supply system. The insignia changes will be implemented in Army regulation 670-5.

Two more states pay VN bonus

Michigan

Michigan has joined the ranks of the states paying a bonus to Vietnam-era veterans. General requirements include: At least six months residency in Michigan before entering active duty — 190 days of honorable military service between Jan. 1, 1961 and Sept. 1, 1973 and no receipt of, or application for, a similar bonus from another state.

Eligible veterans who were awarded the Vietnam Service Medal or Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal receive a \$600 bonus. For veterans without either medal, the bonus is paid at a rate of \$15 for each month of service up to a maximum of \$450.

Bonus application forms and information may be obtained by writing to Vietnam Era Bonus Section, Box 1500, Lansing, Mich, 48904. Application deadline is June 30, 1980.

W. Virginia

Add West Virginia to the roll of states paying Vietnam era bonus. To qualify for the West Virginia bonus, veterans must have served at least 90 days, have been separated under honorable conditions and have been a West Virginia resident for at least six months immediately before entering service.

Bonus payment is \$20 for each month of service between Aug. 1, 1964 and Mar. 28, 1973, up to a \$400 maximum, for those who received the Vietnam Service Medal or Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. For those who did not earn either medal, the bonus is \$10 per month, up to \$300.

Application forms are available from the Bonus Division, State Department of Veterans Affairs, 604 Atlas Building, Charleston, W.Va. 25301.

He can't give away \$1,000,000

Giving away a million dollars would seem to be an easy job. This is not always true, as Major Clement W. Nicolini, assigned to Sixth US Army Headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco, can testify.

"I started in June of last year with a million, one hundred thousand dollars and, so far, have only gotten rid of the one hundred thousand. It's hard to believe, isn't it?" the Major said.

Major Nicolini's problems began when he started trying to locate approximately 60,000 former Army Reservists who are due back pay for the period October 1 through December 1, 1972.

The pay resulted from the President's 1972 decision to withhold a scheduled pay raise for three months. The pay increase, originally scheduled for all military personnel beginning October 1, 1972 did not become effective until January 1, 1973. As a result of a subsequent court action, Congress authorized back pay to soldiers for the three month period.

During the time that the court and congressional actions were being

completed, several thousand persons left the Active Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard. These individuals are eligible for the amount of the pay increase but they must apply for it in order to get it.

Getting information to eligible persons is the crux of Major Nicolini's dilemma. "The Army doesn't keep current addresses of former soldiers who have re-entered civilian life. Our society is so mobile that the old addresses listed are no longer correct. Payments ranging as high as three hundred dollars are owed to these people and I can have the checks issued within 45 days after application," he said.

Anyone who was a member of the Army Reserves during the period October 1 through December 31, 1972 can apply by sending their name, current address, social security number, and inclusive dates of service to:

Retro Pay
Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129
or call:
Telephone (AC 415) 561-2415 or 561-2861

Presidio News Notes

CHANGE OF OPERATING HOURS, PRESIDIO MAIN CAFETERIA:

Due to a sustained direct operating loss in the Main Cafeteria for the past year, a slight alteration in operating hours and service is necessary to reduce personnel costs. Para 3-4 of AR 60-20 precludes Army and Air Force Exchange Service outlets to operate at a loss; therefore, the change in operating hours and scope of service is required to improve the financial position of this activity. Beginning Saturday, March 29, the new hours of operations will be:

Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday and 10:00-4:00 p.m.
Holidays Take Out Service Only

In addition to the change in operating hours, the main serving line will close at 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and only the Hof Brau serving line will be open until closing.

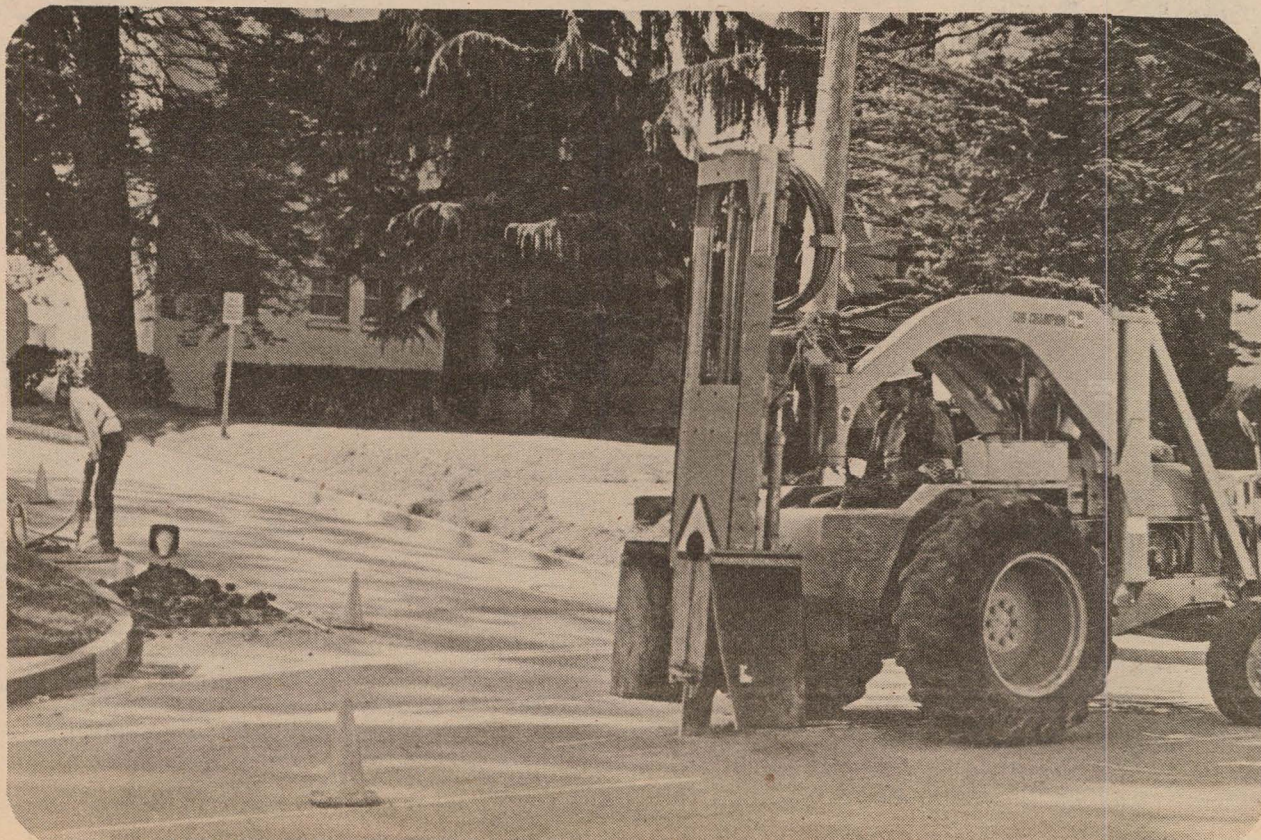
NCO Potluck Dinner

The NCO Association Potluck Dinner and monthly meeting will be held March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Presidio Service Club (Bldg. 135). All NCOs and wives are welcome. The Women's Auxiliary will hold their first meeting at this time. For more information contact Mrs. Debra Hudson 561-4867.

Enlisted Wives

The Presidio Enlisted Wives Club will hold a social on Monday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Presidio Religious Center. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Membership in the club is open to wives of enlisted men.

The Presidio Enlisted Wives Club luncheon will be held Tuesday, March 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the NCO Club. For reservations and information please call Mrs. Alice Lindsay at 387-4020.



Pacific Gas and Electric crews will continue working this week to replace sections of a 50 year-old gas main running through the main part of post.

The 880-foot section runs up Halleck Street from the Post Distribution Center, past Post Headquarters and across the intersection at Lincoln Boulevard.

A 4-inch plastic pipe with cathodic protection is being used to replace steel sections laid in 1925. A small grounding wire runs along the new pipe, reducing static electricity to make the pipe last longer.

The section is part of the main gas line serving the Presidio. PG&E officials described the replacement as routine and said the job should be completed late this week.

Post drug testing starts smoothly

(From front page)

opiates and their derivatives can be detected in urine. "I might add, however," said Hougen, "that the lab is running tests for other drugs everyday and I periodically receive lists of new drugs they can detect."

Drugs consumed several days prior to the test can be detected.

Most of the testing is done at a biochemical laboratory in North Hollywood, Calif. At the Presidio, the medic supervising the sample taking only checks the specimen's specific gravity to make sure there are enough solids in the urine to run a test. Drugs appear in the urine as solids.

Reports from the laboratory are received in three to five days. Those people with positive responses are referred to the program's medical consultants at Letterman Hospital for further evaluation.

At the Army hospital, doctors attempt to verify the accuracy of the initial test results. Those found to be using a drug for medical reasons are released from further consideration.

Users are placed in a detoxification ward if they are medically sick or referred back to drug center for participation in its rehabilitation program — a 60 day series of weekly urine samples and

psycho-social counselings.

Positive responses that cannot be confirmed by the doctor enter a program of mandatory urine surveillance. More samples are taken eight times randomly through a four-week period. A psycho-social evaluation is also made.

Unit commanders receive a report on those men under their command completing the rehabilitation program. At the end of the two months, the individual is qualified as a success or failure. In the latter case, the drug program director will usually recommend him for elimination from the service.

"Drugs in the military are a different problem than in the civilian world," said Hougen explaining why the Army attempts to identify even casual users and experimenters. "We need people who are alert to carry out the job of defending the nation."

SPORTS Presidio wrestler is one of military's best

By John Chambers

Tough Going In FORSCOM Basketball

Both Presidio teams bowed out of the FORSCOM basketball tournament last week at Ft. Hood, Tex. with the women making a slightly better showing than the men.

The ladies came away with a 2-2 record in the double elimination tournament. They defeated Ft. Sheridan 90-11 and Ft. Carson 51-39, but were bested by Ft. Hood 54-21 and Ft. Sam Houston 45-25.

Presidio's men managed only one victory, 104-85 over Ft. Sheridan, before being eliminated by Ft. Carson 110-98 Wednesday. Ft. Hood thrashed them in their initial game 153-71.

Amateur track buffs flooded the Presidio Sports Department with telephone calls recently, volunteering their services for the all-Army track and field team.

The deluge was touched off by an article in the Star Presidian announcing that the Presidio would host the interservice track competition this June.

Though nearly all the callers were unqualified, Sports Department staffers told them how to apply for the team which will train in the Bay Area.

The Department of the Army Sports Department selects candidates from a list of outstanding athletes whose names have been submitted by their commanders. Minimum qualifications are rigorous. For instance, nominees for the 100-yard dash must have at least a 9.4 sprint to their credit while milers must go the distance in 4.06.

Well, back to the handball courts.

The All-Army basketball team coached by Presidio Athletic Director Hal Fischer swept the Interservice Basketball Tournament at Twenty Nine Palms, Calif. March 7.

Army finished with an undefeated 4-0 record for their 16th interservice crown in the last 18 years. The Marines finished second at 2-2 and the Navy third with a winless 0-4 appearance. Air Force dropped out of the competition.

The nucleus of the Army squad will now go on to the national AAU championships and the CISM finals in Greece.

Army outclassed their interservice opponents downing Navy 96-63, and the Marines 112-76 and 106-64.

INTRAMURAL BOWLING

(March 6)

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Letterman	70	14
865th Engineers	59	25
Support Element #2	59	25
Medical Lab	56	24
163rd MP Detachment	41	39
402nd MP Company	42	42
Mil-Pac 6	42	42
16th Base Post Office	16	68
Armed Forces Police	15	69

Presidio League	Won	Lost
Support Element	61½	26½
LAIR	57	31
170th MP Company	57	31
Garrison	56	32
525th MI Group	52½	35½
402nd MP Company	46	42
Armed Forces Police	43	45
Harbor Craft	34½	53½
Western Recruiting	34½	53½

By C.D. Steen

Rick Benz, a member of the 504th MP Battalion who wrestled his way to a berth on the all-Army wrestling team for the second straight year, injured his back and was unable to compete in the Interservice Meet last week at Quantico Marine Base, Va.

At press time, he was on the sidelines coaching the Army squad in the Greco-Roman style event after seeing his team finish second to the Marines in free-style competition the day before.

But bad back or not, a short mat session with Benz will let you know just how good or not so good a wrestler you really are.

Although assigned to the 504th Military Police Battalion, he's more often seen in a sweat suit at the Fort Scott Gym where he stays in constant training.

The 21-year-old native of Milan, Illinois, made an eight-country European tour last year with the United States Wrestling Team of Champions. Along with fifteen other members of the squad, representing the various branches of the armed services, they competed against the national champs from Romania, Algeria, Egypt, West Germany, Finland, Iran, France and Italy.

Benz grappled his way to the number two spot in the 180.5 pound class of the 1974 Council International DuSport Militaire (CISM) as the world's top military man in that weight class.

In the All-Service matches, he battled his way to the number one spot in his weight class last year.

With the 1975 season underway, Benz is in almost constant workout routines at least five days a week. If he isn't at the Presidio's Fort Scott gymnasium being coached by Charlie Tubbs, the gym's recreation officer, he is at the College of

Marin in nearby Kentfield, where that school's wrestlers keep him in competitive shape.

"I started wrestling in the eighth grade just to stay in shape for other sports I enjoyed more, such as baseball and football," says Benz. "It wasn't until my sophomore year that a friend on the team got me interested in wrestling competitively."

As a senior in high school his quick moves and throws won him the 1971 Illinois State Championship in Greco Roman Style — wrestling which permits the use of the upper part of the body only and second in freestyle competition.

Moving on to the Nationals, he captured the championship in his weight class in Greco Roman competition.

Prior to graduating from high school, he was selected to compete in the 1971 Junior World Games in Tokyo and fought his way to a fifth-place finish in the world-wide competition.

An injury in junior college dampened his spirits. It wasn't until entering the service that Benz returned to the mats.

His first military meet was the 1973 Mare Island Wrestling Tourney where he captured a second in free-style and boosted the Army into the first three spots in the final standings.

Though the MP-turned-wrestler was number two in CISM standings and number one among the US military wrestlers in 1974, he has greater expectations this season.

"I hope to be champion among everybody," concedes Benz. "It will be my last year in the Army and I have one last chance to prove to myself and all other military wrestlers around the world that I am number one."



Presidio Outdoor Recreation graduates first SCUBA class.

Student divers in the class were taken on their final checkout dive over the past weekend. The clear waters of Monterey Bay provided the setting for the graduation dive. The next course is scheduled to begin in mid-April. Contact Outdoor Recreation at 4324 for information.

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New boutique opens to full house

Creations Unlimited, the new boutique, gift-shop and art gallery of the Presidio, opened its doors March 16 after a ribbon-cutting ceremony conducted by Colonel Robert V. Kane, post commander, Mrs. G. Woodard, Jr., and Mrs. R.E. George.

Several hundred members of the Presidio community attended the opening exhibit to meet the artists and view the many art objects on display. Numerous guests expressed their surprise at the high quality of the exhibits coupled with the low costs and bright, professional decor of the shop.

Mrs. George, co-chairman with Mrs. Woodard of the Creations Unlimited project, said, "This is not a profit-making venture. The whole purpose is to provide a community project in which Presidians can learn more about art and become involved in creative projects. Any profit that is made will be used to support various youth projects at the Presidio."

The boutique, an extension of the Thrift Shop, provides an area where Presidians may shop for unique gifts and treasures among the needlework, fashions, craft items and art work offered. All the works of art are original, handcrafted and submitted by military personnel, their dependents and civilian personnel who work at the Presidio.

The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays and the first Saturday of each month.



Presidians examine art objects at Creations Unlimited during the opening exhibit of the boutique, gift shop, art gallery on March 16.

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The next issue of the *Star Presidian*, April 4, will have a new look. It is expanding to an eight-page format, a portion of which will be advertisements.

The change will permit more coverage of Presidio-related topics and events and will also greatly reduce operating costs of the post newspaper.

Inflation can be a lot of garbage

BY C.D. Steen

Inflation can be a lot of garbage. That, at least, is the situation in some housing areas where an excessive number of garbage cans stand like silent, gray sentinels against the walls. The extra cans increase the cost of garbage pickup.

In areas where garbage cans are used, most families are authorized only two cans, according to Gail Readio, facility sanitarian, DFAE. Families who are authorized additional garbage cans, because of large families, are officially notified, she said. Many other families, however, have apparently decided to reinforce the ranks of their garbage cans against an onslaught of garbage.

"This is where the problem arises," Readio said. "Our contract with the disposal company states that each family will have only two cans. We're charged extra for the additional cans and the bill is inflated more than the budget allows for. In addition, we receive complaints from the disposal personnel who sometimes won't even empty the extra can."

As a result, facility engineers are asking families to remove unauthorized additional garbage cans.

"This can be done if authorized trash cans are used," Readio said. "In many cases where an additional can is used, the cans are only half-filled. In others, two cans could hold as much as

three cans if the trash is properly compacted."

To help solve the problem of the multiplying trash cans, the engineers provide the following guidelines:

- * Use all of the space in the garbage cans. Pack refuse tightly.

- * If you have a lot of beverage cans, flatten them out or, if they're aluminum, give them to the Recycling Center.

- * If you have a lot of newspapers, magazines or large pieces of cardboard don't put them into the cans. Newspapers and magazines should be bundled securely and placed adjacent to the trash can on pickup day only. Boxes should be flattened and cardboard torn into small pieces and placed in debris boxes placed in housing areas. Debris boxes should also be used if there is more garbage for disposal than usual.

- * Lids should be kept on trash cans to keep animals from disturbing the garbage and to keep them from being filled with rain.

Personnel who believe they require an additional garbage can, need authorization for a can they already have, or want to turn in an extra can should contact Facilities Engineer, Utilities and Pollution Control Division, 561-4129, or contact Family Housing, 561-2025.

Army Emergency Relief drive in progress

The annual Army Emergency Relief (AER) fund raising campaign was kicked off March 19 by PSF Commander, Col Robert V. Kane. Col Kane spoke to representatives of all post units, Directorates and sections on the Presidio.

In his remarks Col. Kane emphasized the importance of the AER's theme, "The Army Takes Care of Its Own."

"Last year," the Colonel said, "AER made loans and grants totaling more than \$35,000." Contributions amounted to more than \$10,000 last year.

Organized in 1942 for the rapidly expanding Army, AER was to provide financial assistance to

soldiers and their dependents who were unable to cope with the financial problems of the day and where no appropriated funds were available.

All members of the Army, both active and retired and members of their families are eligible for AER assistance. Also, widows and orphans may apply for help through the AER. In this case, widows and orphans are asked to contact the local AER office at the nearest Army post or if none is available, contact the local Red Cross and they will make contact with the nearest AER office to their home.

864th aids Palace of Fine Arts project

By C.D. Steen

The San Francisco Exploratorium, near the Palace of Fine Arts, will soon have a new demonstration building and a lot of credit goes to the 2nd Platoon, Company D, 864th Engineer Battalion.

This demonstration building, nicknamed the "demo hut" by Exploratorium personnel, will be a classroom for school children in grades four through six.

The 864th engineers became involved in the construction last October. Exploratorium creator Dr. Frank Oppenheimer requested assistance from Army engineers when grants provided by two local foundations were not enough to cover the \$175,000 construction costs.

Since the Exploratorium is a non-profit organization, there was no competition with civilian contractors. With legalities and potential labor problems ironed out, men from the 864th moved in with equipment, machines, and civilian personnel from the Exploratorium.

The initial project was to lay a solid floor on which several tons of building could rest. The engineers chopped out the old asphalt floor and excavated 500 tons of loose mud.

The three-foot deep hole was then filled with crushed granite to make the foundation as solid as possible. As this was being done, trenches were dug to lay plumbing and electrical circuits.

The latter part of the floor's construction was finished last week. It entailed gridding the huge hole with iron support bars and filling it with 160 tons of concrete. The workers used a vibrating screed and a power trowel to smooth out the freshly poured concrete.

With the floor finished, the platoon's initial work is done. But the Exploratorium hopes the men can return to help build the building's walls and ceiling.

"Having the work done by the 864th Engineers saved the Exploratorium a vast amount of money that was not otherwise available," said Exploratorium supervisor Mike Kram. "We deeply appreciate it."

Ramblin' Sam



Beginning next issue, April 4, Ramblin' Sam will assume a new format. In cases where persons have asked questions, the question will be printed along with the answer supplied by the command.

The new Ramblin' Sam will begin with a series of questions asked of the post Commander, Colonel Robert V. Kane. The questions cover a wide range of topics, ranging from duty rosters and dental care to BAQ and equal rights. Colonel Kane has expressed his sincere interest in all members of the Presidio community and will provide answers for the questions.

Franciscan Fathers began Presidio's religious heritage

Holy Week is observed by Christians throughout the world but it seems to hold a special significance for San Francisco and the Presidio, both born under the protection of the cross of Christianity and the sword of Spain. There are as many versions of San Francisco history as there are San Franciscans but the following bits of San Francisco's history were gleaned from the writings of several historians, including Altroochi, Dobie and Lewis.

"In the morning the Indian men smear themselves with mud to keep warm, and when the sun comes out, wash it off." This early fashion note in the stylish chronicle of San Francisco was written by Father Francisco Palou almost 200 years ago on the site of the future metropolis, San Francisco.

Father Palou and Father Necodal, Franciscan priests, had accompanied an expedition when it left Mexico in 1776 to occupy the area of San Francisco Bay to build a mission and presidio (military fort) on its shores. When the Franciscan fathers and their company had arrived in this area in September 1776, the only inhabitants had been Indians living in a small village at what is now the corner of Beach and Hyde Streets.

Captain Juan Bautista Anza and his expedition had arrived shortly before the Franciscan fathers. After examining the area, he had planted a cross on what he called *Punta del Cantil Blanco* (point of the Steep White Rock), later Fort Point, and selected locations for the Presidio and the Mission, the first high on the bluff overlooking the entrance to the bay, the other three miles away in the sagebrush fields near the trickle of a stream.

Father Palou kept a journal of the expedition and the building of the Presidio and left us the

following first-hand account:

"In the middle of August (1776) the San Carlos dropped anchor inside the harbor. As soon as the bark was made fast, the commander, pilots and Father Necodal went ashore. They were all of the same opinion (held by Anza) that it was a very suitable place for the fort and presidio and they thought the same of the Laguna de los Delores for the mission."

"A square was marked out and divisions formed for church, royal offices, warehouses, guard-house and houses for soldiers and settlers."

By September 17th the first man-built structure (a straw and wood structure) was ready for dedication. The ceremony was attended by 150 people.

"A solemn Mass was sung by the ministers and when it was concluded the gentlemen performed the ceremony of taking formal possession," Father Palou's journal reads. "This finished, all entered the chapel and sang the *Te Deum Laudamus*", accompanied by peals of bells and repeated salvos of cannon, muskets, and guns, the boat responding with swivel guns, whose roar and the sound of bells doubtless terrified the heathen, for they did not allow themselves to be seen for days."

Father Palou stated, "The day chosen for the formal act of possession was the day on which our Mother Church celebrates the impression of the stigmata of Our Seraphic Father San Francisco . . . since he is the patron of the harbor, the presidio and the mission."

The quill that penned those words has been dry for almost two hundred years but the traditions and spirit begun by the Franciscan Fathers remain an important part of San Francisco's history.

SFC Elwood, telephone (duty) 4656/4968. Would like to join or start a car pool between Fairfield and the Presidio. Day shift Monday through Friday.

Rosie Howard, Grove and Stuart Streets, Berkeley to LAMC (Bldg. 651). Telephone: 561-5631 (work) or 845-5071 (home). Wants a ride. Will share expenses.

William Morgan, 399 South Gate, Daily City (West Lake Area) telephone (work) 5634 (home) 756-7099 Destination: Bldg 650, PSF. Can drive three days a week but will need a ride on Fridays.

Jo Reed. Needs ride between Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in the Kentfield area and Sixth Army Headquarters building. Will share expenses. Telephone number: (home) 457-3095, (work) 4700/3063.

CAR POOL

Pat Puckett. Waterville and Silver Ave., San Francisco to Presidio (Bldg. 87). Needs a ride. Telephone: 3988 or 2826.

M/SGT Larry Blanc, Roanoke Park, telephone (duty) 3922, Destination: LAMC, day shift, Monday through Friday. Will drive and share in driving.

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd, Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518 (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing car pool.

SP5 Eugenia L. Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland, telephone (duty) 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

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Easter Services

Catholic

Chapel of Our Lady

11:35 a.m. — Monday-Wednesday
4:45 p.m. — Tuesday, Reconciliation Service, Confessions
4:45 p.m. — Holy Thursday
4:45 p.m. — Good Friday
7 p.m. — Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

East Sunday Masses

Chapel of Our Lord 9 a.m., 11 a.m.
Fort Baker Chapel 11 a.m.
Fort Scott Chapel 12:30 p.m.

Protestant

Post Chapel

March 27 - 7 p.m. — Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion
March 28 1 p.m. — Good Friday
March 30 - 7 a.m. — Sunrise Communion Celebration

9 a.m., 11 a.m. — Easter Celebrations

Fort Baker Chapel — Easter Service — 9 a.m.

Fort Scott Chapel — Easter Service — 11 a.m.

Religious Activities Center — EASTER BREAKFAST — 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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Gloria J. McLarnan, Santa Rosa to Presidio (Bldg. 39). Needs a ride and will share expenses. Telephone: 707-542-5940 (Home), 3137 (work).

Col. Robert V. Kane: Commander
Maj. Michael J. Williams: Information Officer
SSG H.J. Rodgers: Editor
SP5 John Chambers: Associate Editor

News Notes

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Presidio Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, 10 a.m., at the El Polin Springs Picnic area (end of MacArthur Blvd. All school age children through grade six are invited. Children must be dependents of active duty or retired military personnel.

The program will consist of a Easter Egg Hunt, prizes and refreshments. In the event of inclement weather, the hunt will be held at the Teen Club, Bldg T92.

Passover Services

The annual eight-day celebration of the Jewish Festival of Passover begins this year at sunset, Wednesday, March 26, and ends at sunset, Thursday, April 3. A Seder Service and dinner for military personnel and their dependents will be held Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., at the San Francisco Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street. For reservations, call Mrs. Lola Blackman at the San Francisco Jewish Community Center, 346-6040, or Miss Ruth Callman, 561-4397.

Post Exchange Customer Bonus Program

In an effort to provide Post Exchange customers with additional savings, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service has implemented a program referred to as "ALPHA-ITEMS". Fifty-two (52) items of merchandise, primarily in the toiletry department, have been selected, based on competitive price surveys, to be offered for sale at a reduced price.

Visit your exchange today and look for the "EXTRA DIVIDEND" shelf tag reflecting the Post Exchange regular price and the sale price. Ask management about "ALPHA-ITEMS".

New Drama Group

A production of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" may have spawned a new drama group at Ft. Mason. Details on the group are sketchy, but it is expected to be an add on to the 25-member cast and crew that produced Shakespeare's classic at the Ft. Mason Youth Activities Center March 8. Staffed by players and technicians 12 to 22 years-old, the production attracted some 150 spectators. Though not planned as a continuing activity, the Ft. Mason youth are reported to be enthusiastic about its success and looking to begin a permanent drama company. Interested persons should contact Lynn Rieger at 928-1914.

Easter Breakfast

Easter Breakfast will be held at the Religious Activities Center, Sunday, March 30, 8 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Persons of all denominations are invited. Breakfast will be free but opportunity will be provided for a free-will offering.

Scholarship Application

The Presidio Women's Club awards annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors, in recognition of outstanding scholarship, leadership, citizenship and accomplishment. To be eligible, applicants must be an Army dependent whose sponsor is assigned or attached to the Presidio or its subposts, or the dependent of a member of the Presidio Women's Club as of March 1, 1975.

Applications, which are available at the Post Library, should be returned to: Presidio Women's Club, P.O. Box 9063, Presidio of San Francisco, Ca 94129.

New commander takes reins of HQ Co, USAG

Presidio's largest company, Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, changed commanders this week in a brief ceremony Monday at Garrison.

Captain Barry Ansell took over the 503-man unit from Captain Joseph Ramos before a ceremonial contingent of company cadre.

Ramos will assume another post here at the Presidio after heading Garrison since November 1973.

It is the third company-level command for the 30-year-old Ansell who comes to Garrison from a position as Presidio Post Reenlistment Officer.

In an interview last week, Ansell said he intends to make Garrison "a people oriented company." "I intend to keep the Army's informal contract; that is that the Army uses the individual soldier's expertise in return for support from the cadre. Our motto is going to be, 'We give a damn.'"

Education will be high on the list of the new commander's priorities. He intends to advertise educational opportunities within the unit and to make both on and off duty education programs accessible to Garrison troops.

The Vietnam veteran said he hopes to

upgrade military courtesy in his company by working down through the enlisted ranks. "I'm not personally going to make on the spot corrections of a person's appearance," he said.

Joseph Ramos leaves Garrison after a 15 month command in which he attempted to make unit members identify with their unit as well as their staff section. "When I took over this company, you were laughed at if you said you were from Garrison," said the former Green Beret officer.

Ramos concentrated on developing programs which brought unit members in closer contact with Garrison. Among them was his active support of the intramural sports program, making personal visits to staff sections, holding mandatory formations and training sessions and conducting rap sessions.

Asked to comment on his general impression of the Garrison soldier, Ramos said, "They are technically proficient in their jobs, but need to be reminded of their military requirements. The NCOs impressed me with their ability to manage men so that they satisfied both their staff sections and the company mission."

Passover commemorates Jews flight to freedom

Passover, the feast celebrating the liberation of the Jews from slavery in Egypt, begins this year at sunset on Wednesday, March 26, and ends at sunset on Thursday, April 3. During the Commemorative Seder services, held the first two evenings of Passover, the story of the Jew's hasty flight from Egypt is retold in ritual and ceremony.

At the Seder table, these four questions are asked during the service:

* Why do we eat while reclining? (In Egyptian times, that was the way free men ate.)

* Why is this night different from all other nights? (The flight to freedom.)

* Why do we eat only matzot? (During their flight, they had only unleavened matzot baked in the desert sun.)

* Why the bitter herb? (A reminder of slavery.)

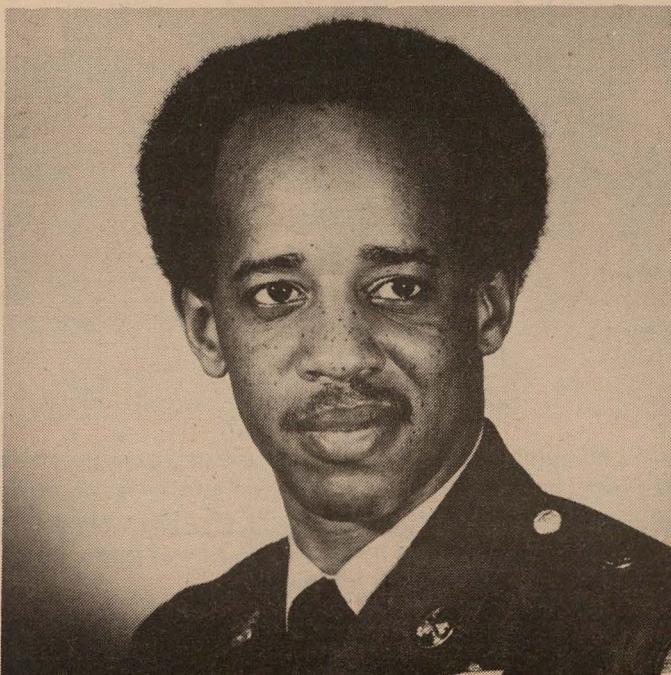
Specific foods symbolize the haste with which the Jewish ancestors left Egypt. The women had not had time to complete

making their daily bread. Without leavening, they carried the bread wrapped in bundles and hurried from the land of woe.

Tangible symbols on the Passover table help remind the young of that flight. By the food they eat and the services they maintain, the Jews remind themselves that they were once slaves. The ultimate message of Passover is one of religious freedom. The Haggadah, the book containing the order for the Seder service, says that individuals in each generation should feel as though he or she were personally freed from Egypt.

Every Passover, the first Seder held anywhere in the world is celebrated by a group of Jewish airmen and sailors on the island of Guam. From then on, as the sun sets on each time zone around the world, a military Seder takes place hour by hour for the next 24 hours. The last large one is in Hawaii; the very last one, a Seder by two or three men on Wake Island.

Soldier of Month



A former Marine is March's Soldier of the Month. Sp4 Harold J. Detter, a squad leader in second platoon, 170th MP Company, served in a Marine combat unit in Vietnam, 1968-1969. He left active service and became a part of the inactive reserves, but in May of last year came back on active duty in the Army. He was assigned to the 170th MP Company, December 1974, and currently is serving as a patrolman.



Captain Adrian Small, Master of the Golden Hinde II.



The helmsmen of the Golden Hinde II keeps a close watch on the ships compass as the ship enters San Francisco Bay.

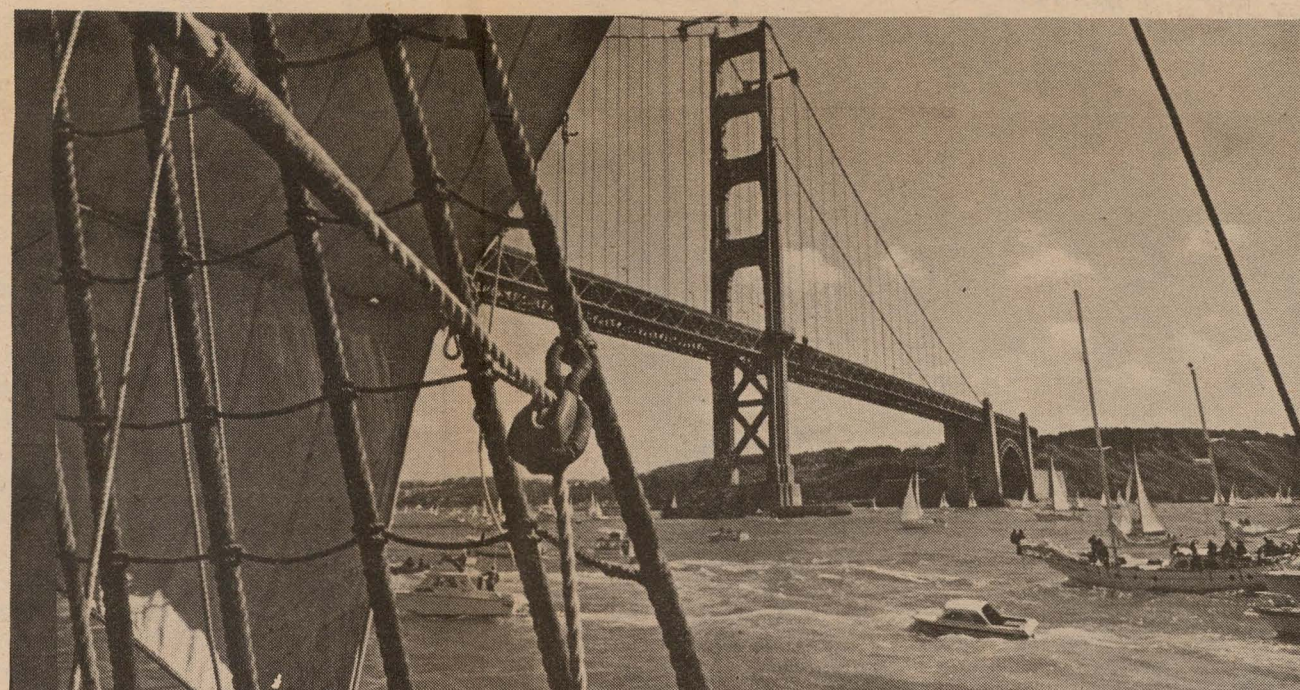


A Golden Hinde II crew member

Golden Hinde II the MEN, the SHIP

Photos by Jim Stuhler

The Golden Hinde II recently played a role in the seafaring history of San Francisco when it sailed from Plymouth, England to San Francisco, California. Much of the drama of that voyage has not yet been revealed. These photos by one of the Army's top photographer, Jim Stuhler, capture a portion of the tale.



All sails up and a brisk wind the Golden Hinde II prepares to sail under the Golden Gate Bridge. Escorting the ship are more than 400 Bay area boats.



It wasn't all celebrating as this sailor learned during the welcoming of the Golden Hinde II. Due to high winds and a strong current this Bay area sailor capsized his small sailing boat. After a short dip in the chilly Bay, the sailor was helped by a passing power boat. He was later seen heading for the East Bay at top speed.



The Golden Hinde II rests at anchor before setting sail for the Golden Gate Bridge. In the background is the San Francisco skyline.



Captain Adrian Small (right) stands on the bridge of the Golden Hinde II as the ship moves out of the Bay.

Religious activities play vit

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The chapels at Presidio have been focal centers of worship, private devotions and community service for many thousands of servicemen and women, families and government employees for almost 200 years. The first religious service at the Presidio was a Catholic Mass celebrated by the Franciscan Fathers in September 1776. It is impossible to measure the spiritual influence the chapels of Presidio and their various services have had on people's lives since that time. Those influences of worship and religious training, however, have molded many lives into vessels of strength and character.

Today, in each chapel, an effort is being made to provide a distinct and meaningful religious experience, compatible to each person's background and spiritual needs. The experience is not limited to religious services.

"When many people think of the chapels, they think 'Oh, yes, once a week people go over and have a little service and that's it' ", Chaplain (Colonel) M.C. Johnson, post chaplain, said. "That's not it. The chapel program at Presidio involves much more. It's built around the entire concept of personal involvement and daily living."

Chaplain (Capt.) Raymond Johnson, Protestant Chaplain, agrees. "Members of the community normally think of the chapels in connection with religious services but in any week as many young people are involved in activities at the Religious Activities Center as attend services at the chapels. Everyday of the week there are activities in which people may become actively involved."

The religious program at the Presidio provides a wide range of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish worship, counseling and learning experiences and services attuned to the needs of the community.

"We're also reaching out to smaller religious-oriented groups that are springing up within our community. Many of them are composed of several people who meet together to seek a deeper religious experience. We're available to offer them support and guidance," Chaplain Mitchell Johnson said.

"While we're speaking of the smaller groups, I'd like to mention the home church concept with which we've had tremendous spiritual success during the Lenten season this year. In the home church concept, neighbors get together around their common faith in God. Often as many as 30 people of all religious denominations will gather at one of the homes for these home church evenings. This concept was planned only for the Lenten season but due to its success, it may continue."

Chaplain Raymond Johnson added, "The last home church meeting for the Lenten season will be in the home of Major General Milloy. There are no formal arrangements to be made, just go."

As never before, the young world is one of involvement and activism. But today young people have a difficult world to face up to. Youth Night Activities, Tuesday evenings at the Religious Activities Center, help young people find a foundation upon which to build. Sports, games, movies, Bible study and other activities are enjoyed in an atmosphere which allows opportunity for growth.

Another aspect of the chapel program is designed for families. Some families have both parents and children; others have but one parent and the children; and in still other's there are parents with no children at home. In addition, many adults at Presidio are living away from their families. Family Night at the Religious Activities Center, Building 682, is for all of these.

The families gather at 5 p.m. for volleyball and indoor games while the younger children have games and special activities in the nursery. At 6:30 p.m. a buffet dinner is served. The evening is concluded by a very informal Christian service.

Many activities provide opportunities for members of the Presidio community to actively support religious programs at Presidio. The Protestant Women of the Chapel have a general



meeting on the third Friday of each month and Bible studies on the second and fourth Fridays each month. In addition, they visit the sick and support other religious activities.

The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet on the first Friday of each month for Mass and a lecture discussion. They also help decorate the chapel for special events and support various religious activities.

Laymen also take an active part in many religious services at the Presidio.

Religious services and activities have been designed to meet the needs of various faiths.

Photos clockwise

1. Presidian youth enjoying a Confirmation class.
2. Adult members of Presidio community enjoying activities at Religious Activities Center.
3. Music plays an important role in religious activities.
4. A quiet moment in games during Family Night.
5. Music and youth — part of Youth Activities Night.
6. Members of the choir prepare for participation in religious services.

al role in community life



Photos courtesy of
Antonio Conde Reyes

Of interest to-

Jews

RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Jewish Sabbath Services — Letterman Army Medical Center Room 354 Friday, 4:30 p.m. followed by "Oneg Shabat"

Hanukah and Purim celebration for adults and children

Sukkot observance in Sukkah (tabernacle) erected on Post

PASTORAL SERVICES

Hospital, visitation, counseling, private instruction, arrangements for ritual circumcision and other rites.

OFF POST

Passover — Kosher community Seder for military and their dependents at San Francisco Jewish Community Center, and arrangements for home hospitality.

High Holy Days — Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur — arrangements for attendance at Synagogue of choice in the Bay Area. Home hospitality.

Adult Education — San Francisco Bureau of Jewish Education, 639 14th Ave. Phone 751-6983.

Social and Cultural Activities — San Francisco Jewish Community Center, 3200 California Street, Phone 346-6040.

Information — Contact Rabbi William Z. Dalin at 561-2351/2711.

Catholics

OUR PARISH — The Catholic Parish at the Presidio is composed of Catholics residing on the Presidio as well as those at Forts Baker and Barry. Chapel of Our Lady is the center of Catholic activities at the Presidio. Priests conduct all services and activities as conducted in an average civilian parish.

BAPTISM — Sundays — Chapel of Our Lady at noon. Please contact the Catholic chaplain one week in advance to schedule an appointment for baptism.

MARRIAGE — Please contact the Catholic chaplain six weeks in advance for chapel reservations and pre-marital counseling.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — Religion classes for grades kindergarten through grade eight meet on the first and third Saturday of each month. High school youths meet on the first and third Sunday for discussion and classes from 2-4 p.m. A program for Junior and Senior High School youths is conducted Tuesday evenings, 7-8 p.m. Catholic Women of the Presidio meet on the first Friday of each month at the Religious Activities Center at 9:15 a.m. for Mass and lecture discussions. Catholic Parish Board meets at 11 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Religious Activities Center. Special lectures are sponsored by the Religious Activities Center on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

INFORMATION — Catholic Chaplain, telephone 4435/4239. Religious Activities Center, telephone 3535/5513

Protestants

HOLY COMMUNION observed on the first Sunday of each month and on important Holy Days of the church year.

BAPTISM — The Sacrament of Baptism will be arranged for adults or children according to the teaching of the denomination. Effort will be made to match chaplain with denomination since this sacrament is viewed differently by the various churches.

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN. This service is available to fulfill the spiritual meaning of this denominational practice. This is a parent-child service in which the parent promises to rear the child in the Christian faith.

MARRIAGE ceremonies are held in any of the Presidio chapels. Premarital counseling sessions will be arranged with the chaplain who is coordinating the service. Initial contact with the chaplain should be made at least four weeks in advance. Arrangements need to be made for organist, flowers, and custodial service.

CHOIR members are always needed to replace members of the choir who are leaving. If you sing, you are encouraged to join one of these fine choirs.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Sunday School is conducted for youngsters four to 14 during the school year at the Religious Activities Center, Bldg 682. Volunteers are always needed for this program. The Center also sponsors Protestant Women's Groups, Summer Vacation School, Teacher Workshops, Summer Church Camps, Parent Education, Confirmation and Church Membership Classes, and special conferences and seminars.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES. The Chapel sponsors a mini-, try to dependent youth. Through study groups, social activities, camps and retreats, the Religious Activities Center attempts to provide a wholesome environment for young people to express themselves positively and creatively. All programs are designed to encourage spiritual and moral growth.

INFORMATION. For additional information, please call Post Chapel, 561-4435/4239; Fort Scott Chapel, 561-3100; Religious Activities Center, 561-3535.

Volleyball: a great game to watch or play

Presidio's version of the fast and internationally played game of volleyball began last week with intramural teams beginning play in the Post Gym.

LAIR posted the best record in either league, rattling off four quick wins against no defeats in the early going.

Last year's champs from Med Lab got off to a slow 2-2 start.

Volleyball started in 1895 under the direction of William J. Morgan, physical director of the Holyoke, Mass. YMCA. Two teams from his YMCA demonstrated the game at a conference of YMCA physical directors and the sport rapidly spread under their guidance. The original contest, called Minonette, used a basketball bladder and a tennis net.

In 1928, the U.S. Volleyball Association was established and started to conduct tournaments on a yearly basis. The sport's popularity is reflected by its inclusion in the Olympic Games.

For spectators, there are several pointers that may help you better understand this rapid game. First, there are six men on a team. No more or no less are permitted on their side on the playing court when the game starts.

The game's purpose is to have the ball strike the floor on the opponent's side of the court. On every play, each team gets three hits to achieve this purpose.

Generally, a player can't hit the ball twice in succession except in three cases. They are successive hits by blockers, simultaneous hits by teammates and simultaneous hits by opponents.

The defensive team can use two methods to prevent the ball from hitting their side of the floor. They can either block it at the net or dig it in the backcourt. However, in all instances the ball must be clearly hit and not thrown.

You can only score while serving in volleyball. The server as they are scoring. When the offensive team fails to make a point, the opponents take over the attack. This rule is different from tennis where a team serves the entire game or ping pong where the service changes every five points.

The first team scoring 15 points wins, provided there is a two point advantage. A match consists of the best two out of three games. (The Presidio places an eight minute time limit on games.)

Andy Sivak, one of the nation's foremost volleyball officials, provides some additional hints. "Volleyball is undoubtedly one of the toughest sports to officiate," said Sivak. "It requires more judgement, quickness and constant watching than other sports."

The biggest mistake of intramural volleyball teams, according to Sivak, is the lack of teamwork. "Always use three hits, set for spikes two feet away from the net, and switch on the front line, so that your best setter is in the center," suggested the veteran of 25 years officiating. "Stay in your position," he adds.

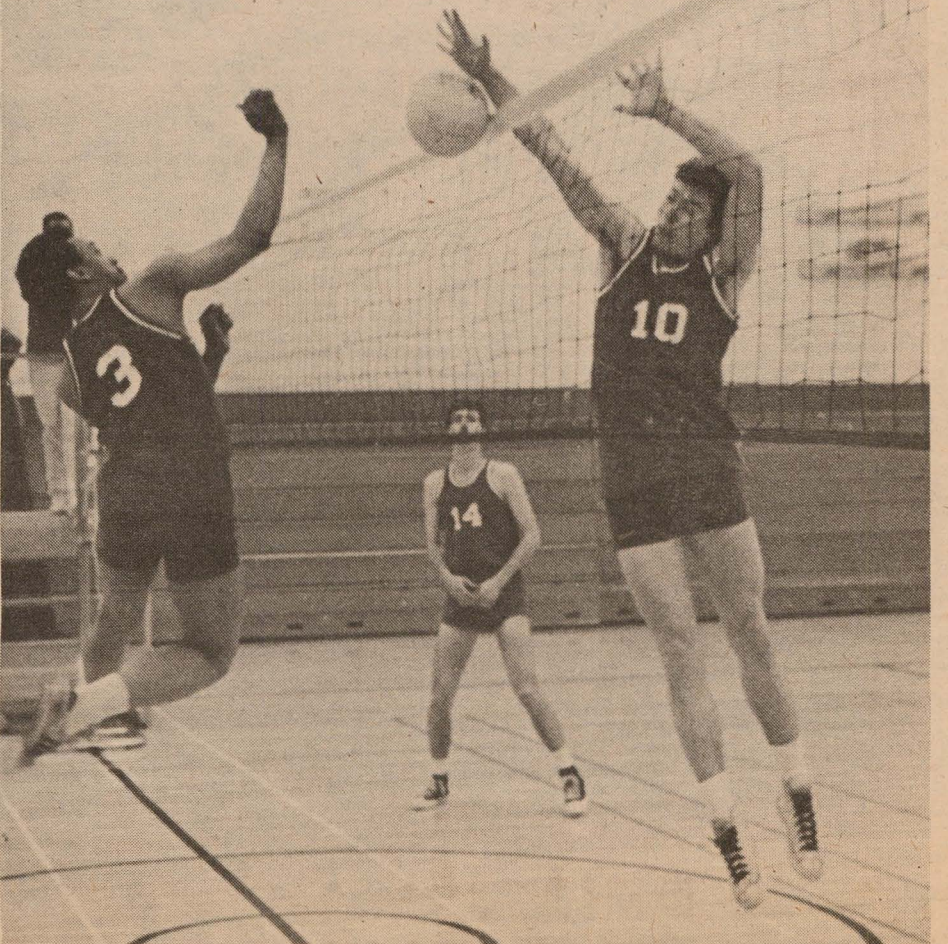
A referee at last year's national championships, Sivak reminds players there are two timeouts per game. For an injury, it's an official timeout. Subs should report to the scorer and may go in on a dead ball.

If a question arises on a call, only the captain or the coach should talk to the official.

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL (March 19)

Presidio League	Won	Lost	Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
LAIR	4	0	District Engineers	2	0
Support Element	2	0	Sixth Army Band	2	0
402nd MP Company	2	0	864th Engineers	0	0
Medical Lab	2	2	51st Engineers	0	0
HHD 504th MP Battalion	0	2	Western Recruiting	0	0
Oakland Army Base	0	2	16th Base Post Office	0	2
170th MP Company	0	2	525th MI Group	0	2
Letterman	0	2			

Photo by C.D. Steen



Net action between the Sixth Army Band and the 525th MI Group last week in the Post Gym.

SPORTS — By John Chambers

FORSCOM Woes

Presidio's battered FORSCOM basketball entry was singing a familiar tune last week, "We were the smallest installation in the tournament."

Like the 1974 Presidio softball team, the post hoopsters arrived at Ft. Hood expecting to compete in the B Division against posts with less than 10,000 men. Instead, all nine teams played head to head, pitting 4,000-man installations against those with 40,000 and more.

Case in point: Presidio vs Ft. Hood. Final score: PSF 71, Ft. Hood 153. "We got out on the floor, and the smallest man on their team was a 6'4" said Presidio player-coach Bill Carey. "One forward was 6'9" and the other was 6'8". Our tallest man was 6'6".

Presidio managed one win in the double elimination tournament. Last year they were runner-up in Division B.

In fairness to the FORSCOM tournament directors, their reason for abolishing the two division system was understandable — lack of funds.

On another part of Ft. Hood, Presidio's lady team was having problems of a different sort — being out-gashed rather than out-classed.

Several teams claimed that the woman tourney's host and eventual winner, Ft. Hood, had a habit of throwing their weight around. Although trying to control her disgust, Presidio coach Sandy Colaw flatly stated, "Ft. Hood liked to beat people up. Everybody would finish games against them with scratches and split lips. We just weren't ready to play a team that knocks you down on the floor and then threatens you." Who is?

Colaw also hinted at some officiating irregularities in their game against Ft. Hood. Referees called 7 fouls on the home team and 28 on the Presidio. "We don't foul that much," said Colaw of the 54-21 loss.

However, not all was dark for the Presidio. They

finished fourth in the eight-team tournament with a 2-2 record. Speedy guard Kathy Williams made the all-star team (she scored 32 points against Ft. Sheridan).

Overall, Colaw said she was not disappointed with the team's performance but admitted that it was somewhat erratic. "Some days we could play and some days we couldn't."

He's Off and Running

George Stewart, the Presidio's top distance runner, left last week for the 1975 CISM cross-country trials at Ft. Meade, Md. If he makes the team, the Pacific AAU all star will represent the United States at the CISM meet in Algeria.

Stewart recently took the one and two mile events in the Brotherhood Games at Laney J.C. He will compete in the 5 or 12 kilometer run at Algeria.

CISM meets are international competitions between the world's top military athletes.

No site has yet been determined for the 1975 Interservice Track Meet which the Presidio is hosting this June. However, meet planners say they have standing offers from several local schools including San Francisco State, College of Marin, Stanford and Berkeley.

Happiness Is A New Sneaker

Presidio gym users could be playing in old sneakers and uniforms for some time to come, according to Rec Services Officer Lynn Pilger.

The Sports Department has been hard hit by the latest budgetary cutbacks. The total operating budget for sports fell from \$48,900 in FY74 to \$17,400 this fiscal year.

Most of the difference was made up by not replacing old sports equipment loaned out at the post gyms. Also feeling the pinch are the various sports centers such as the gym and bowling alley. Both hours and staffs have been reduced.

Presidio Sports Director Hal Fischer reportedly writhes with each new cut, but both he and the recreation people are handcuffed by the current budget situation.

The post slow-pitch softball team began practice last week and has opened its ranks to new members. Anyone interested should call Charlie Tubbs at 2070 or 5328. Competition begins April 7. The team will play in city leagues through the summer.

For youngsters, registration for both the CYO and Cal-Pal Leagues has begun. Registration cards and information are available at the Post Gym from Mr. Ben Kvitky (4120).

Tennis Anyone?

Adult (over 18) tennis lessons will begin at the Infantry Terrace courts April 1. Lessons will be held twice weekly for beginners and advanced beginners. Hours are 9 to 10 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. for beginners, and 10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. for advanced beginners. The days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Package price for 10 one-hour lessons is \$30. Register at the Post Gym through March 27 or for more information call 4120.

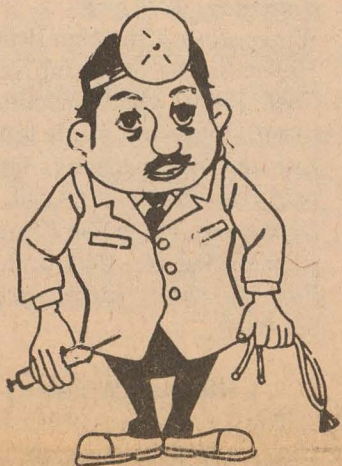
The Presidio Golf Course will be the site of the annual Commander's Spring Golf Tournament April 16 and 17. Active duty personnel assigned here may sign up or obtain information about the 36-hole tourney by calling 561-4120 or 5032.

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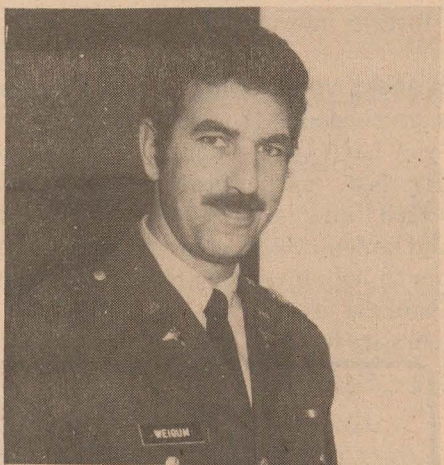
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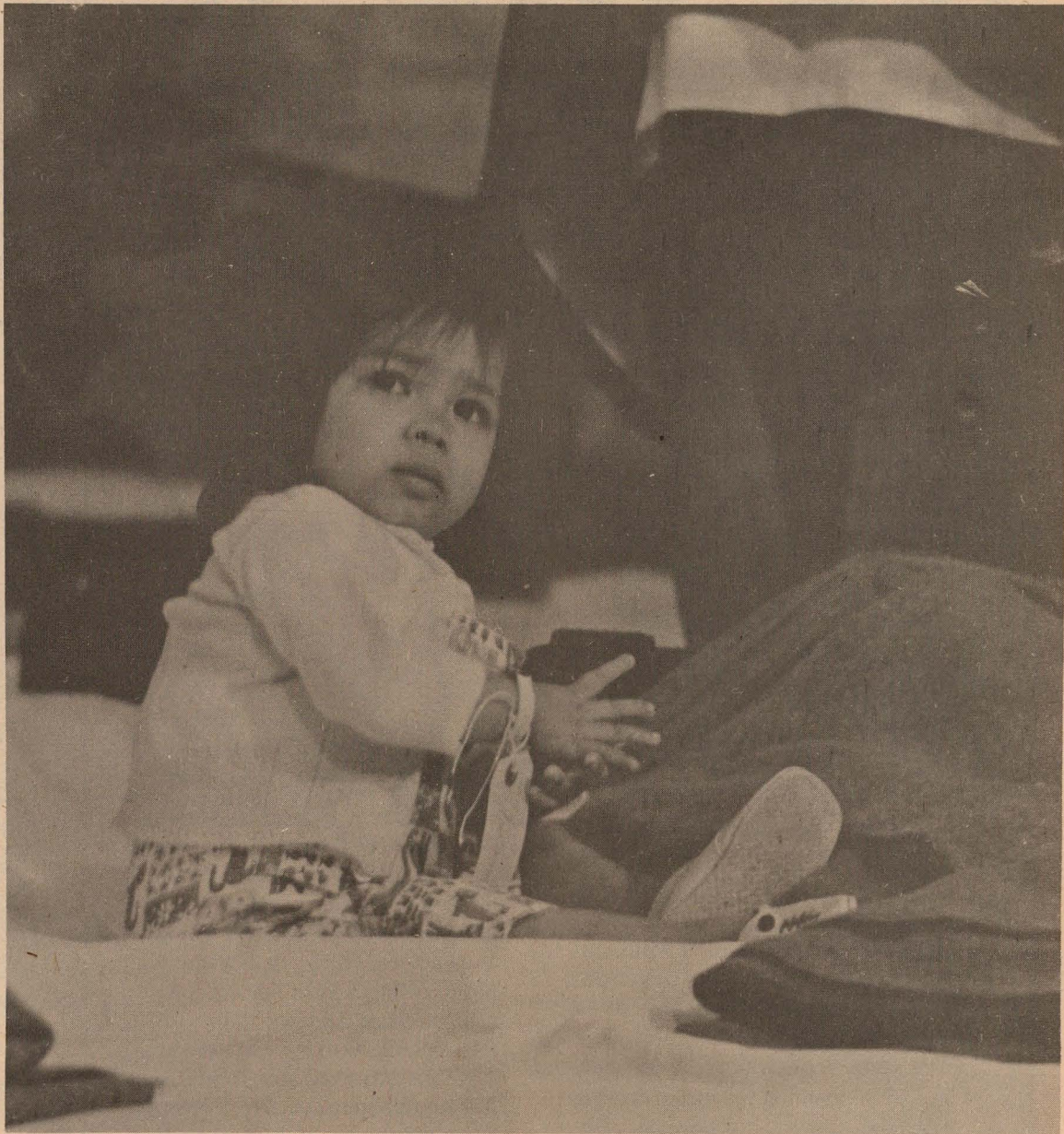
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A small refugee alone at the end of an 8,000 mile flight to freedom.

FIRST FLIGHT FROM SAIGON

By Jim Rodgers

The grim specter of war stretched its tentacles across the Pacific Ocean to touch the Presidio Wednesday night as 58 Vietnamese orphans passed through its gates for a brief rest on their long journey to freedom.

Innocents suffering from an accident of geography, the children had been carried aboard a civilian DC8 aircraft at Saigon. For a time it appeared the orphans would not get out of Vietnam but the pilot of the plane ignored an order from the control tower not to take off with the children. The pilot was Ken Healy, who flew refugees out of Mainland China during the 1940s and made the last flight out of Da Nang last week. Asked why he ignored the order not to take off, Healy smiled and said, "I just didn't get the order in time."

More than 400 other children had been scheduled for the 8000 mile mercy flight but technicalities prevented them from boarding.

Bay area residents opened their hearts to the orphaned children of war. At the Presidio, phones rang constantly with offers to help. Doctors and nurses from neighboring communities volunteered their services, other people and many organizations volunteered to donate clothing, food, milk and baby-sitting services. Many people called to offer a home for the children.

These arrangements, however, had already been made by the Army at Presidio. At the request of the American Voluntary Agencies arranging for the adoption of Vietnamese orphans

and working through the Agency for International Development, the Army had arranged to receive, feed and house the children at Harmon Hall at the Presidio while more permanent arrangements are being made.

All of the children are already adopted by foster parents in the United States and Canada.

As Saigon, a capital full of rumors, jangled nerves and frightened citizens, teetered on the brink of disaster, a gleam of hope was extended to more Vietnamese children. The State Department's Agency for International Development announced yesterday that a full-scale airlift will get underway within the next two days. According to the report the airlift is scheduled to carry about 2,000 orphans to freedom from the threatened city of Vietnam. It was not possible to confirm this report at press time.

The general public is being asked not to make offers of assistance at this time. All necessary arrangements have been made and it is necessary to keep lines of communication open to help speed the children to their new homes.

The children that have already arrived at the Presidio are between the ages of three months to five years. Most of them are too young to be fully aware of the drama that had unfolded around them or of the tragedy that lies behind in their war ravaged land. But Wednesday night these children, at least, found the beginning of hope.

Ramblin' Sam

What question would you like to ask the Post Commander?



SSG Larry Weaver: "Why can't our dependents receive dental care? Even CHAMPUS won't pay for it."

Colonel Kane: "I think it would be great for our dependents to get dental care but the Congress has up to now not approved the idea. The Army at Washington level continues to push for this program but has been unsuccessful so far. Dependents of retired personnel are also not covered for dental care by the services or by CHAMPUS. The only exception is to relieve pain in an emergency."

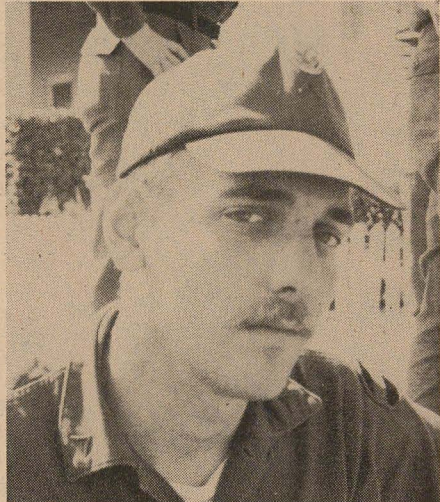


PFC Pittman: The Central Magazine supposedly belongs to all of Presidio. How come only a few units have to guard it? I'm in 864th Engineers and it seems like I get guard every couple of weeks. Every soldier, including WACs, should pull guard on the magazine."

Colonel Kane: "The Central Magazine does belong to everyone on the Presidio and the personnel resources here should be spread as broadly as possible so that an individual like yourself should not have to pull guard too often. As a result of your question, I've directed my staff to restudy our situation to see if we can't get you some relief. At present under existing regulations, I don't believe that our women can be allowed to pull guard."

"I am happy to have this opportunity to respond to questions asked by members of this command. All members of the Presidio community are important in our role in society and two-way communication is a very important part of our rapidly changing Army. I also remind you that Action Line is an effective method of bringing complaints, suggestions and comments to my attention."

Colonel Robert V. Kane



Pvt. Dave Scheckel: "I'm in the 864th Engineer Battalion and I'd like to know why we aren't better informed as to what we're going to do as a unit. Once our platoon was told to bring in all of our equipment from off base and we didn't get a real explanation as to why. A couple of weeks later we got it all back. Still no explanation. We were told we were on alert but not what kind."

Colonel Kane: "I've discussed your question with your Commanding officer. He informed me that the incident to which you refer involved a surprise exercise designed to test the unit's ability to respond quickly in an emergency situation when little or no detailed information was available, a situation that could be encountered in a combat situation."

"In most cases, however, every attempt will be made to keep all of our soldiers fully informed as to what is expected of them, and when changes occur in the work schedule. If you're not sure where you fit in the "Big Picture", ask your platoon leader or NCO. If they don't know, they'll find out."



PFC Cox: "Why are women discriminated against? We can't march in formation with M-16's, be part of a firing detail or perform duties as interior guard. Other women I've talked with feel the same as I do."

Colonel Kane: "The last thing we want to do here is to discriminate against women, but some of the things you mention aren't possible because of current Department of the Army policy. This relates, of course, to decisions on the bearing of arms and duties involving combat-type operations. On the Presidio, we'll move as fast in these directions as we're permitted."

News Notes

Expectant parent classes

Expectant parent classes will be given at Letterman Army Medical Center on six consecutive Mondays beginning April 7 and ending May 12. Classes will cover care during pregnancy, care of the mother after delivery, labor and delivery and care of the newborn.

Classes are given at Torney Hall, (Room 100), Letterman Army Medical Center from 7-9 p.m. All expectant parents are invited. For registration, call the Community Health Nurse, 561-2003/4994.

Laundry service

Economical laundry service is being offered through laundry payroll deductions. Soldiers are entitled to send a bundle of laundry, containing up to 26 pieces a week of both military and civilian laundry, for a charge of \$6.20 a month. The service is available through unit supply rooms.

Religious schedule change

Protestant Sunday services now being held at Fort Baker Chapel will be temporarily discontinued beginning Sunday. Participants are invited to join the congregations at the Post Chapel 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. or at the Fort Scott Chapel, 11 a.m.

Catholic services at Fort Baker will continue as presently scheduled.

Lock Up Your Daughters

The Presidio Players will present "LOCK UP YOUR DAUGHTERS," the British musical play based on Henry Fielding's comedy, RAPE UPON RAPE, on April 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 and May 2, 3 and 4. Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8 P.M. and Sundays at 7 P.M. at the Presidio Playhouse.

The production is an entry in the Army's nationwide 1975 Tournament of Musical Plays and will be in competition with other Army Community Theatre groups. Awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place "Best Productions," in addition to individual acting and technical awards.

The Presidio Playhouse is located in Building 239 at the Marina end of Crissy Airfield at the Presidio of San Francisco. Tickets are \$2.00 and the box office will be open daily, except Sundays, from 1-5 P.M., beginning April 7. For further information call 561-3992.

Museum seeks volunteers

Volunteers are needed at the Army Museum. If you have typing ability (not necessarily fast, just accurate), and/or have card filing experience, your help would be deeply appreciated at the museum to help inventory the numerous historical artifacts.

Working hours are flexible. You can

work as little or as much as you wish, anytime you wish, seven days a week.

The Presidio Museum will soon have a historical library and, again, volunteers will be needed to staff it. Needed are people with librarian experience to work the same flexible hours as mentioned above.

If you wish to devote some of your free time to this worthwhile cause, contact John Langellier, museum curator and post historian, at 3319 or 4115 during normal duty hours or visit the museum, located on Funston Ave, across from the Post Gym.

Wives Club tours

The San Francisco USO has scheduled the following Wives Club tours:

Tuesday, 8 April

Sunset Magazine, Menlo Park

The group will visit the editorial section, entertainment center, demonstration kitchens, experimental gardens, and view various antiques.

Lunch: Brown bag or dine at an inexpensive restaurant nearby.

Reservations: Should be made as soon as possible. Call 621-0630.

Pickup points: Presidio - 9 a.m., bus stop/parking lot. Treasure Island - 9:30 a.m., Main chapel.

Saturday, 12 April

Winery tour. Christian Brothers in St. Helena in the beautiful Napa Valley.

Cost: \$5.00, which includes transportation, tour, and picnic lunch.

Limited reservations. Deadline for paid reservations: 5 April.

Departure: From San Francisco USO, 1019 Market St., 10:00 a.m., 12 April.

For further information: Call 621-0630.

Letterman Women's Club

The Letterman Officers' Women's Club will hold their annual Spring Fashion show and luncheon April 11 at the Fort Mason Officers' Club beginning at 11:30. Door prizes will be gift certificates of participating shops.

Hostesses are wives of officers of the Department of Surgery. For reservations, call Carol Shroyer, 387-5215 or Candy Cole, 561-2432 in San Francisco or Polly Shaw, 456-0235 in Marin.

Enlisted Wives

The Presidio of San Francisco Enlisted Wives Club will hold its monthly business meeting, Monday April 7 at the PSF Religious Center at 7:30 p.m. Membership is open to all enlisted wives of all services. For further information please call Sue Wilson at 561-2347.

You don't have to leave the Army to go back to school.

Last year, over 90,000 men and women earned college credits in the Army. With the Army paying up to 75% of their tuition costs.

Some studied on-post, some studied off-post, and all studied at the pace they set themselves.

Some earned bachelor's degrees, some earned advanced degrees, some just earned the knowledge that made them better citizens and better soldiers.

And all of them studied, not just with the Army's consent, but with the Army's encouragement. Because today's Army gets better every time a good soldier reenlists.

Call the man with a plan.

**SFC Bates
3594/3108**

Letterman issues immunization warning

Letterman Army Medical Center officials are advising Presidio parents to review their children's immunization records or check with the doctor to insure that measles immunization has been given. If children were immunized at less than one year of age, before 1968, or if there is any uncertainty concerning previous measles immunization, the child should receive an immunization now as more effective vaccines are available.

Susceptible contacts to measles can be protected by measles vaccine up to two days after exposure and by gamma globulin two to six days after exposure. Persons receiving gamma globulin should receive the vaccine not less than three months later.

San Francisco and California State Public Health officials have publicized the rising incidence of measles in California. This refers to regular "red" measles or rubeola and should not be confused with rubella or three-day measles, according to Dr. (Lieut. Col.) Sylvan R. Ruark, LAMC.

The increase in measles is attributed to lack of immunization for this common childhood disease. "Red" measles can cause serious complications such as pneumonia, ear infections and, rarely, a fatal encephalitis, LAMC officials said.

Computer Systems Command phases out

Secretary of the Army Howard H. Callaway has announced plans to phase out the United States Army Computer Systems Command Support Group at the Presidio of San Francisco, and to transfer the functions of this activity to Fort Lee, Virginia.

This action is designed to reduce overhead costs and to use available resources more effectively and efficiently. This action will transfer nine military and 46 civilian jobs to Fort Lee and eliminate 19 military and 15 civilian jobs at the Presidio by June 30, 1975. Resources resulting from this action will be reallocated to improve Army combat forces.

Employees who have transfer of function rights will be offered the opportunity to transfer with the activity. Extensive efforts will be made to locate job opportunities for those employees whose jobs are eliminated or who choose not to transfer. Department of Defense civilian personnel offices will work closely with the Department of Labor, State Employment offices, and private industry to help employees desiring placement assistance.

The US Army Computer Systems Command, with headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, was activated in 1969 to plan, direct, and control all aspects of multi-command data systems design, development, test, installation, and maintenance throughout the Army. Subordinate support groups, located in the continental United States and in the Pacific and European theaters, assist the parent command in the performance of its mission.

Autovon trouble shooting week

"AUTOVON Trouble Shooting Week," an effort to upgrade the government long distance telephone system by identifying trouble spots, will be in effect here April 7-11.

During the five day campaign, the post telephone repair service will handle complaints about AUTOVON service phoned to them at 4218 between 7:30 a.m. and 12 midnight.

Telephone workers will attempt to identify the source of the problem and return an explanation to the caller.

A record of the complaints will be forwarded to the Defense Communication Agency for further action. That action may be either at the government level or with civilian telephone companies whose lines carry AUTOVON (Automatic Voice Network) calls.

First used here in the late Sixties, "AUTOVON Trouble Shooting Week" is a military-wide project conducted every October and April. Although it places special emphasis on AUTOVON troubles, such problems can be reported to the telephone repair service at any time and receive similar action.

Deadline near for scholarships

April 15 is the deadline for applications for the two-year Army ROTC scholarships designed to provide enlisted men and women an opportunity to obtain both a college degree and commission as an Army officer.

Full tuition, books and educational fees are covered by the scholarship awards as well as \$100 a month subsistence allowance for up to 20 months. Recipients also receive approximately \$475 for the advanced camp, normally attended during the summer between the junior and senior years of college. Because of prior enlisted service, those selected may also be eligible to receive GI benefits from the Veterans Administration.

To qualify, applicants must have served at least one year of active duty, be no more than 24 years of age on June 30 of the year they are eligible for commission, and have earned at least two years of college credit. To be considered by the final selection committee, they must also have been accepted by a college for next year's enrollment, have a GT score of 115 or higher and be an American citizen.

Scholarship recipients may attend any of the 291

colleges and universities hosting Army ROTC, or one of more than 500 non-host colleges which has a cross-enrollment agreement with a nearby host school.

If accepted, applicants will receive an early discharge so they can arrive on campus in time to enroll for the 1975-76 fall term.

Upon successful completion of military science and baccalaureate degree requirements, the individual will be commissioned as a second lieutenant and be obligated to serve four years on active duty. All scholarship cadets must apply for and, if offered by the Department of the Army, must accept Regular Army commissions. About half the scholarship cadets are currently being offered commission in the Regular Army.

This is the second year in which enlisted men and women have been offered two-year ROTC scholarships.

For detailed information, contact Captain Joe D'Angelo, University of San Francisco, 666-6405. Captain D'Angelo can furnish applications and detailed answers for any questions concerning the ROTC program.

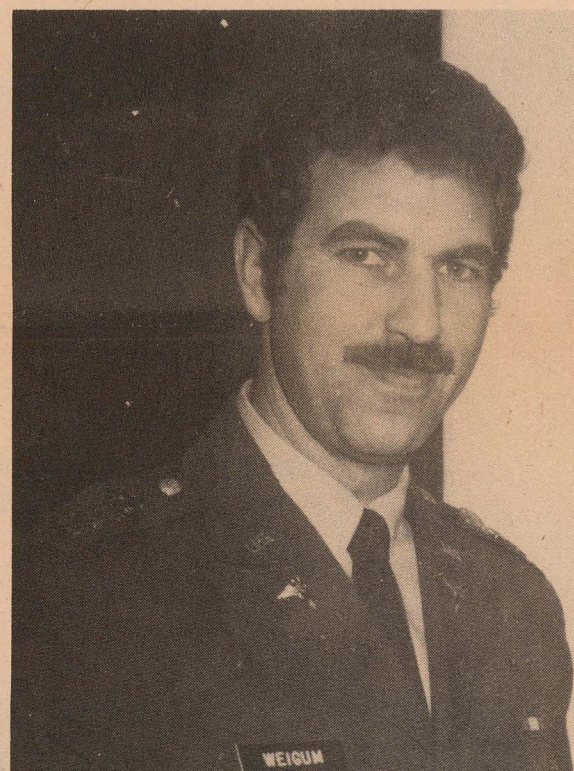
(LETTERMAN PAO)—Captain Larry M. Weigum, Army Nurse Corps, has become the eighteenth annual recipient of the Evangeline G. Bovard Award as the most outstanding staff nurse at Letterman Army Medical Center, Presidio of San Francisco, for the year 1974.

The 31-year-old captain, a veteran of not quite six years' Army service, has been a psychiatric nurse clinician in Letterman's psychiatric outpatient clinic and psychiatric behavioral consultation service since August 1972, following his return from a tour of duty at US Army General Hospital, Camp Zama, Japan.

Born in Bismarck, North Dakota, he obtained his B.S. degree in nursing at Mary College, Bismarck, and the M.S. degree in psychiatric nursing at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. After graduation he taught for two years at Mary College in Bismarck before entering the Army Nurse Corps where he was commissioned a first lieutenant in July 1969.

The Evangeline G. Bovard Award, consisting of an engraved certificate, a check for \$650 (less Federal withholding), and the addition of his name to a bronze plaque permanently displayed in the main hospital lobby, was presented by Brigadier General George S. Woodard, Jr., Letterman Commander. The award was established in 1957 by Colonel Robert Skelton, a retired Army doctor, to perpetuate the memory of his deceased wife, Evangeline G. Bovard, who was an Army nurse. Colonel Skelton, who died in 1961, had endowed the fund with some \$25,000 in stock and securities, the income from these assets constituting the cash portion of the annual award.

Weigum receives Bovard Award



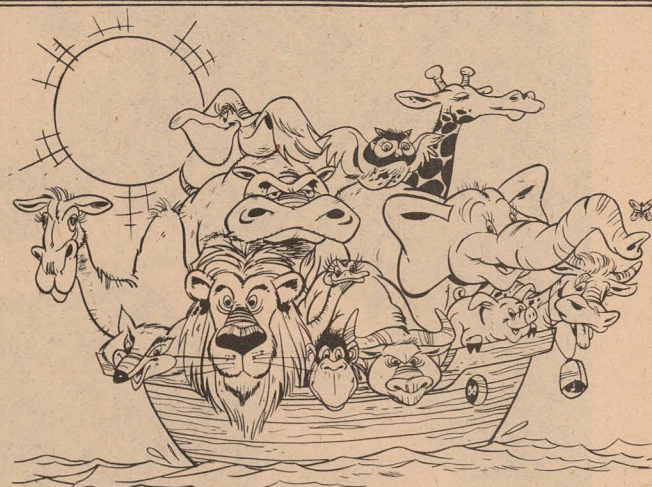
Think about the things you don't spend your paycheck on.

Army pay is good and getting better every year.

But it's all the things you don't spend your paycheck on that make it stretch further. The usual things such as medical and dental care, food, housing, PX and commissary privileges. And the unusual things such as low-cost transportation, insurance, and recreation.

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Lull in the storm



A volunteer weeps as she holds a bewildered little refugee.



Cradled in the arms of a volunteer, a small girl appears bewildered and lost.



Is there hope?



Mattresses were used instead of beds so that small children wouldn't roll off.



An orphan is led to a quiet area in the midst of the excitement that surrounded the arrival of 58 children Wednesday night.

The Army's top photographer, Jim Stuhler, was present as 58 Vietnamese orphans arrived at the Presidio of San Francisco Wednesday night. His photographs portray reactions of what many American people hope will be only the vanguard of the small refugees.

innocent victims

Photo and story by Jim Rodgers

(Editor's note: The names used in the following case are fictitious. The incident did not occur at the Presidio but it did occur in a civilian community and is typical of many child abuse cases.)

Ralph Burton was enraged. His 14-month-old son, Mark, had been screaming for several hours, ignoring the father's repeated shouts to 'shut up!' Eventually, something seemed to snap inside the father and he lashed out at the baby, striking him across the face. Losing control of himself, he struck the infant several more times before the mother was able to intervene. Mark's mother finally got the child to a hospital: he died minutes later of multiple fractures and bruises.

The case does not stand alone in its tragedy. Every week, all across the nation, hundreds of small children are beaten, slashed, choked, scalded and burned; many are scarred or maimed for life. And some, like Mark Burton, die. National statistics indicate that more than 60,000 children every year are severely injured by child abuse. More than 55 children a month are killed by their parents. The statistics represent only the tip of the iceberg, chiefly because many cases go unreported. The number of reported cases of child abuse at the Presidio is extremely low when compared with national statistics. The children involved, however, are more than statistics and for them one case of child abuse is one too many.

Child beating has long been one of the standard tragedies of hospital emergency rooms. One of its greatest tragedies lies in the fact that much of it can be prevented for, in the vast majority of cases, the parent did not want to hurt the child. Child-battering parents are not psychopaths nor criminals but people desperately in need of help.

"One of the finest teams available to help with child abuse problems is located at Letterman Army

Medical Center (LAMC)," said Michael Schwartz, coordinator of the San Francisco Child Abuse Council. "They're accessible, they're understanding and they care about both the child and the parents."

Colonel James L. Stewart, Jr., chief, Department of Pediatrics, is chairman of that team, the Infant and Child Protective Council at LAMC. "One of the main things we want people to understand," Dr. Stewart said, "is that we're not a punishing committee. Our first goal is to provide safety for the child. Our second goal, where there is child abuse, is to help the family solve problems that may have led to child abuse or neglect. Child abuse is often the result

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of problems, pressures or frustrations that the parents can't handle. Our doctors and other professional people counsel and work with the family helping them to build the type of home where the child is safe and loved."

Dr. Stewart added that all of the records are confidential, accessible only to the people who are helping the family solve their problems. None of the parents in cases of child abuse that have been handled at LAMC during the past five years have been prosecuted in the courts.

"People don't have to be afraid to come to us for help," the doctor said. "We're not going to attack them or embarrass them. We're here to help."

Such help is often the key to the problem. A profile of child-abusing parents shows them as basically good people with problems. Often they are a young

couple with no close friends and nowhere to turn in time of trouble. When pressures of the job, debts or marital problems build up, an irritable child can be the straw that breaks the camel's back. They can't send Junior off to Grandma's or call in a close friend while they get away for a few hours. Money problems may prevent them from hiring a babysitter while they enjoy a few valuable hours of much needed relaxation. In such a case, the child often becomes the target of their pent-up anger and frustration.

In other cases, abusive parents are young people who grew up in a hostile environment and were abused themselves. The result of this upbringing is often parents who hold themselves in low esteem and continually seek assurance from other people including their children. "They want constant reassurance that the small child loves them and when their emotional needs aren't met, the parents react with violence," Dr. Stewart said.

Other parents have a low tolerance for frustration. These parents must immediately have what they want. A child's prolonged crying can provoke them to abuse. Often they don't understand the child's needs. Perhaps they didn't want the child or they may expect too much of him and when he doesn't behave the way they want him to, they punish him. If this doesn't work, their frustration may result in increasing punishment which gets out of hand and results in injury to the child.

Not all abusive parents, however, fit into neat categories. The problem is too large and deals with too many people to establish cut-and-dried divisions. The problem of child abuse spans all racial and economic groups. The only common ground among abusive parents is their children—the innocent victims.

In some cases, the victims are easy to identify. Certain signs, known as "battered child syndrome",

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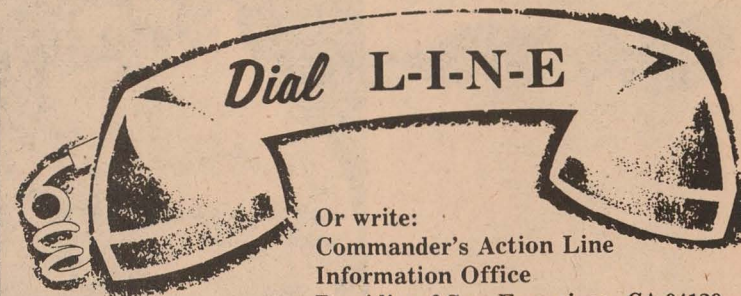
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are warning signs unmistakable to doctors. If a child's medical records show a long series of swellings and bruises, burns, broken bones or other injuries, a doctor suspects abuse. Other clues are if the child seems unduly fearful, withdrawn or neglected.

At Letterman Army Medical Center, a doctor or other person who has reason to suspect that a child

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has been abused or neglected immediately reports the circumstances to the Department of Pediatrics. (“An example of neglect,” Dr. Stewart said, “is leaving an infant by himself or with a small child as babysitter. Or perhaps no attempt is made to insure that the child is fed properly.”) The immediate safety and welfare of the child is the major consideration in determining what action is taken when a case of child abuse is reported. In all cases, the action is designed to insure the child’s safety and aid the parents.

“This, of course, is after the damage has been done,” Dr. Stewart said. “It shouldn’t go this far. All of us have days when the kids are getting on our nerves and we may feel like belting them, but most of us have learned to control these feelings. If a person feels he’s losing control of himself, he should ask for help **then**, not wait until he injures his child.”

“The parents can call or visit Pediatrics and feel free to discuss these problems with our doctors and

There is a need for older parents who wish to help those who are having difficulty controlling their emotions in dealing with their children. We’re asking for their help.

other professional personnel. We’re not going to view them as monsters or criminals; we realize they’re just people faced with a problem and we’ll be happy to help them solve those problems.”

“In addition, arrangements can be made to have our Public Health Nurse from LAMC visit the home once or twice a week to help with any problems there or to discuss problems with the family,” the doctor said.

“The distraught parents should also feel free to talk these problems over with the chaplain, Army Community Service, or even a close friend. Doggone it, if they can’t call on anyone else, they can always call me! I’ll be happy to help. But the important thing is to ask for help before things get out of control.”

That call for help is important. Many counselors who work with child abuse cases state that parents don’t usually willfully hurt their children. They may know they’re harming the child but, under pressure



of their emotions, they can’t control themselves. Someone intervening may give them time to regain control.

For this reason, a person who witnesses or knows of child abuse or neglect should intervene. In some cases, intervention may mean offering assistance with problems. In other cases, the person should report the incident. (Known or suspected cases of

child abuse or neglect can be reported to the Infant and Child Protective Council, 561-5481; Army Community Service, 561-5256, the Chaplain, 561-4435/2372/4719; Military Police, 561-2251 (or 110 if it is an emergency case), or LAMC Social Work Service, 561-3208.

Dr. Stewart added that there is also a need for older parents who wish to help parents who may be having difficulty controlling their emotions in dealing with their children. In some cases, the troubled parent may just need an understanding person to talk with. Parents who are patient and compassionate and have the ability to listen without being criti-

cal could assist distraught parents of small children.

In other cases, the older parents might be able to offer a short term foster home.

Anyone wishing to offer their services in either capacity are urged to contact Captain William Col-

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lins, Social Work Officer, ACS, 561-5155/5156.

Other efforts, spearheaded by the LAMC Infant and Child Protective Council, are being made at the Presidio to insure the safety of children and to aid the parents. Understanding, professional help and the involvement of the community are crucial to eliminating the most tragic statistics of our time, the statistics of child abuse.

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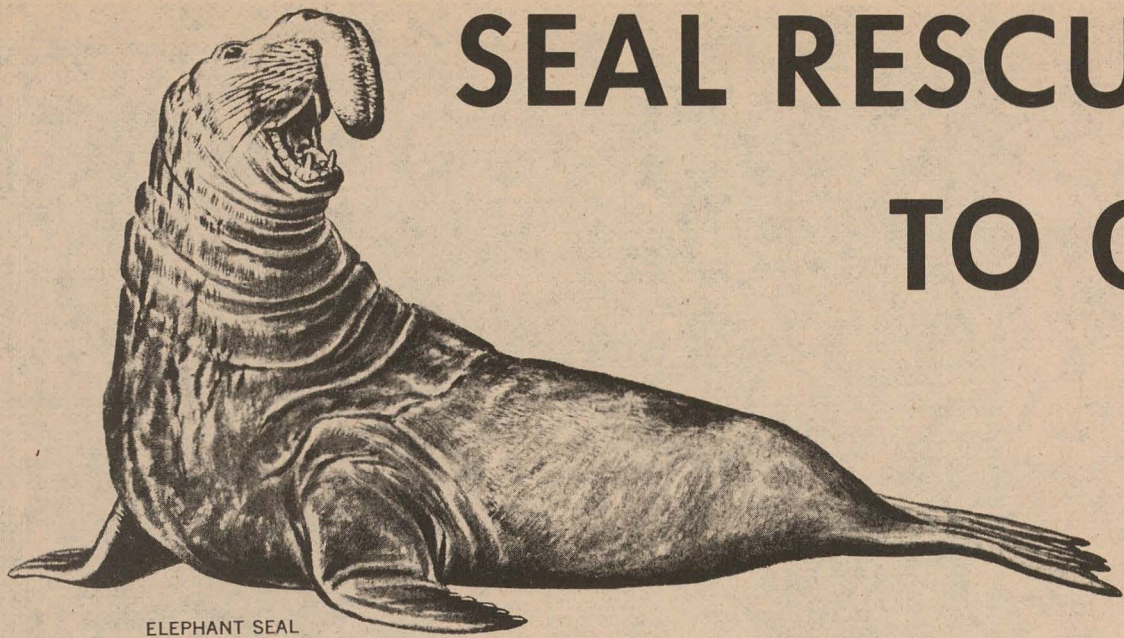
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ELEPHANT SEAL

SEAL RESCUE CENTER SET TO OPEN AT FT. CRONKITE

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By John Chambers

An abandoned Nike missile site in Marin County will soon become California's first rescue and recovery center for stranded marine mammals.

When it is completed this month, the "Marine Mammal Rehabilitation Center" will nurse injured, diseased and orphaned seals and sea lions and return them to the ocean.

In the process, the center will become a storehouse of information in the field of marine mammal rehabilitation.

Center Director Lloyd Smalley said the facility will be the only one of its kind on the West Coast and possibly in the United States.

It is located on a windswept hill in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area overlooking the Ft. Cronkite Beach. The location was once missile site 87L, part of the air defense system set up around the Bay Area.

An alert network will be set up between the mammal center and various organizations along the California coast to locate distressed seals and sea lions. The Department of Fish and Game, the National Park Service, the Humane Society and naturalists are expected to form the network's outer reaches.

Due to strict wildlife regulations, the center will be able to accept only three species of marine mammals: the California Sea Lion, the Northern Elephant Seal and the Pacific Harbor Seal. All three are native to California and are the seals most commonly seen in this area.

A three-step treatment, recovery and conditioning process will await animals referred to the center.

In the treatment process, a veterinarian will examine each animal as it is brought in. The vet will attempt to determine what is wrong with the seal or sea lion and administer necessary medical care.

From there, the animal will go to the recovery pens, a converted police dog kennel just down the hill from the treatment center. This stage lasts an average of two months but can run as long as 10.

Getting the animal to eat is a major concern during recovery. The seals graduate from a diet of blended fish, to a whole fish and finally to a live fish. It is a careful and tedious process.

At the same time, center staff members will constantly watch each animal for signs that its health might be deteriorating.

The animals remain dry during the entire recovery stage. Their closest contact with water will be a sprinkler system to cool them in hot weather.

Conditioning is the third and final stage of the cycle. Tanks once used to hold World War II anti-submarine mines at Ft. Baker will be used as swimming pools to strengthen the rehabilitating animal. After conditioning which take two to four weeks, the animal will be returned to its natural habitat.

Center workers will keep detailed records of each animal's progress. These will be used to develop new rehabilitation techniques and to find out what can be done to protect marine mammals from natural and man-made hazards. It is felt that in time the animals may become an early warning system for environmental dangers creeping in on man.

The center will maintain the results of its studies in a small reference library. The information will be available to veterinarians, zoo personnel and students of animal rehabilitation.

The center will have room for six animals and some are waiting already. "We could have filled this place up a month ago," said Smalley.

Until now, San Francisco's Steinhart Aquarium and the Louise A. Boyd Museum of Science in San Rafael were the places in the Bay Area capable of handling a stranded seal. But according to Smalley who was curator of the Boyd Museum for nine years, these facilities are geared to exhibit animals not cure them.

It was during his tenure at the Boyd Museum that Smalley developed the idea for a recovery center. There he maintained the live animal collection and

was often brought injured or stranded seals found along beaches.

"A lot of times these animals were not stranded at all," said Smalley. "People would find the little critters on the beach while the mothers were out feeding themselves."

Smalley treated the animals at the museum and sometimes even in his bathtub at home. In doing so, he developed diets and handling techniques in a field about which surprisingly little is known.

"There's a whole new attitude about these things today," Smalley said explaining the lack of research in his field and the need for a center. "In the past, stranded animals were just left alone or slaughtered. But now people try to help the animals."

Although the center hopes to learn much about seals and sea lions during their recoveries, Smalley emphasizes that his organization will be totally away from exploitation of the animals. None will be taken for research only. None will be given to zoos or other institutions. Only small classes accompanied by a staff member will be permitted to tour the area.

Funding for the non-profit organization is expected to come from private donors and foundations. Although initial costs to set up the facility were small it will cost approximately \$45,000 annually to keep the operation running.

Smalley is optimistic about the money picture but says the center could now use certain items that could be donated by private individuals. These are freezers (especially the chest type) for storing fish, blenders, a washer and dryer, typewriters, desks and chairs. Anyone interested in making a donation of these items can reach Smalley at 453-2823.



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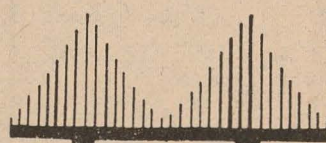
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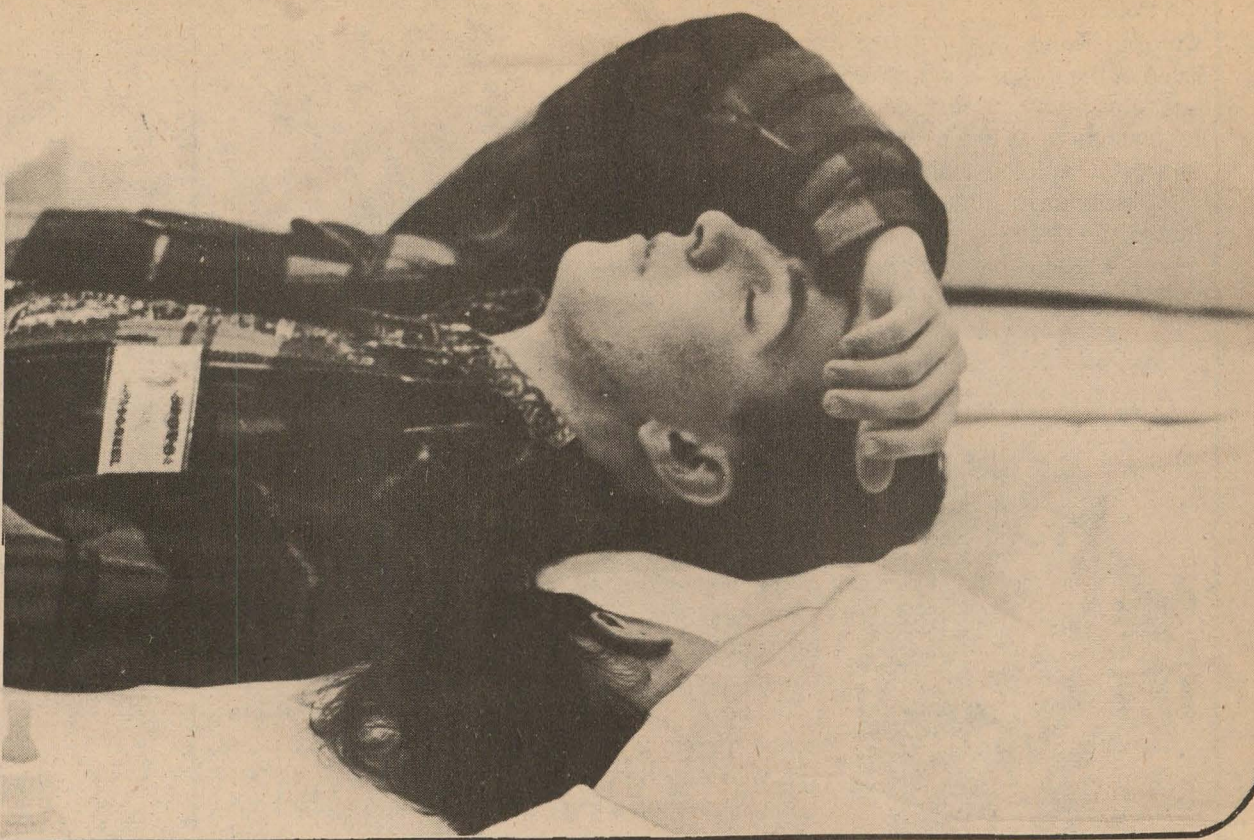


Nine days ago, the Presidio became the end of an 8,000 mile lifeline for more than 800 Vietnamese orphans. For an inside look at the full-scale operation that turned the Presidio into their gateway to a new life, see pages 4 & 5 "The Presidio's Role In Operation Babylift."

Left: Harmon Hall became the scene of constant activity.

Top: The sounds of gunfire have been stilled for these babies

Bottom: An exhausted volunteer naps beside a sleeping refugee.

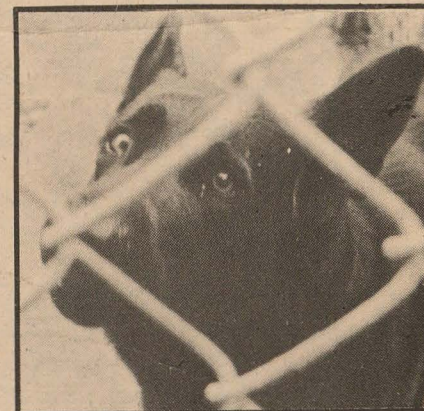


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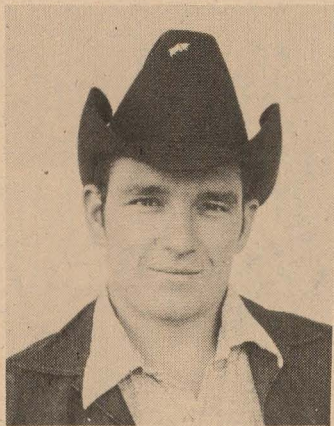
Canines on the prowl.
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Ramblin' Sam Asks:

What question would you like to ask the Post Commander?

Sgt. William Yates: "Why isn't the same standard of appearance observed by all units at the Presidio?"

Colonel Kane: "It wouldn't be proper for me to comment on how tenant commanders enforce various regulations. I personally believe that all military personnel should adhere closely to hair and mustache guidelines as written in the regulation, as well as those involving uniforms and other aspects of personal appearance. So I shall continue to insist that Presidio troops abide by the regulation and hope that other commanders have the same feeling."



Sgt. David Pacheco: "Why, in most cases, can officers get off duty to reserve or use the gyms, when enlisted soldiers can't?"

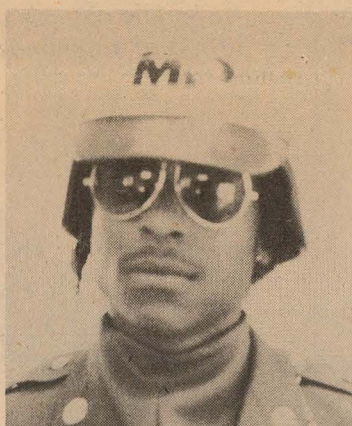
Colonel Kane: "My policy is that the gyms and other similar facilities such as tennis courts, are on a first-come, first-served basis as far as making reservations. The reason for making reservations is so that several groups of people don't show up to play tennis on the same court at the same time."

I like to play tennis and squash but ordinarily confine my times on the court to the lunch hour or after duty hours a couple of days a week.

I suggest you discuss this problem with your supervisor to see if you can rearrange your work schedule a bit to permit you to better use our excellent facilities.

Pvt. Charles Lewis: "Would you, Colonel Kane, like to see haircut policies which are more to the liking of the troops?"

Colonel Kane: "I'm not really sure what the real liking of the troops is in this regard, but this is a little academic, really. I must do my best to observe the regulations as written by the Department of the Army and try to enforce them here at the Presidio. Hair styles change, of course, and I'd be willing to predict that in the relatively near future most of our young men will again voluntarily wear their hair like mine—want to make a small bet?"



Pvt. Edward Hamor: "What can be done to improve things for the lower enlisted persons? It seems that if you're SP4 or below, it's hard to get anything like housing, loans, etc. Can the policies of the Presidio help us?"

Colonel Kane: Yes, you're right in part that soldiers in the higher grades, E5 and above, do get more privileges. But, we must all remember that with these privileges go more responsibilities, frequently combined with longer hours and more work.

The Army Regulations we operate under prescribe certain ground rules which require us to put E4s with less than two year's service and a four-year commitment on a lower priority waiting list for housing.

Loans, however, are dependent upon rank so much as upon the soldier's need. When the need is established, loans are available from both the Army Emergency Relief (see Mr. Nightingale, Bldg. 913, 561-5256) or the Red Cross (Mr. Nicholson, Bldg. 97, 561-2141).

Many other services are available from the Presidio staff—just ask for help when you need it. As I see it, our only excuse for existence here is to help people as we accomplish our Army mission.



"I am happy to have this opportunity to respond to questions asked by members of this command. All members of the Presidio community are important in our role in society and two-way communication is a very im-

portant part of our rapidly changing Army. I also remind you that Action Line is an effective method of bringing complaints, suggestions and comments to my attention."

Colonel Robert V. Kane

News in Brief

NCOA MEETING

The Golden Gate Chapter, Noncommissioned Officer Association and Women's Auxiliary, will hold their monthly meeting at the Presidio Recreation Center, Bldg. 135 at 6:30 p.m., April 24. A general election will be held for all NCOA members.

All military personnel, grades E4 and above are welcome. Free babysitting will be available.

Blood Drive

All members of the Presidio community are asked to support the All-Presidio Blood Drive at the Recreation Center, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., April 17. Blood will be used to replenish reserve supplies of blood used by members of the Presidio community.

Donors may arrange to give blood by appointment if they desire. To make appointments, contact Mrs. Ellsworth, 561-4516/4096.

Think About It

Soldiers who plan on reenlisting should be aware of recent changes in reenlistment eligibility criteria. In order to be eligible for reenlistment, a soldier must be within three months of ETS (expiration of service). All soldiers with AWOL/Lost Time in excess of 15 days which occurred within one year of ETS are prohibited from reenlisting. Soldiers whose primary MOS Evaluation Scores are 69 or below are not eligible to reenlist and soldiers who have not received a primary MOS Evaluation Score are not eligible for reenlistment. Extensions may be given to permit receipt of a primary MOS Evaluation Score.

Complete details may be obtained by contacting the staff of the Post Reenlistment Office, Bldg. 86, 561-3108/3594.

Want To Swim?

The Aquarius Swim Club, a dependent youth activity of the Presidio, is looking for new members. If you are less than 18 years of age, have competitive spirit, like to swim, and are the dependent of an active duty or retired military sponsor, the Aquarius Swim Club may be just what you're looking for. For further details on the club and information on how to join, contact coach Don Perez, 561-3673. Previous swimming experience is not required.

Tape A Message For Mom

Soldiers who want to tape a message for their mother for Mothers' Day should contact SP5 Sam Baker, Information Office, Bldg. 219, 561-5187. The message will be broadcast in the soldier's home area.

Modern Woman

The course, **Woman in the Modern World**, is being sponsored by the Army Education Center, the Federal Women's Program and San Francisco City College. Psychology, sociology, history, imaginative literature and discussions will be used to help people develop an understanding of women today and tomorrow. Enrollment is limited to this course which is open to California residents or military personnel and dependents who have been in California less than one year. Details may be obtained by contacting the Army Education Center 4445/4900.

Rapid Reading Class

A five-week rapid reading course will be offered by the Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Avenue, beginning Thursday, April 17, 6:30 - 9 p.m. The course will cover techniques for increasing reading speed and improving memory and study skills. Non-fiction and fiction texts will be used. For registration information, contact the Central YMCA at 885-0460.

Public Speaking Class

A public speaking class is being offered by the Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Avenue, beginning Tuesday, April 15, from 7 - 8 p.m. This eight-week course is designed to increase self-confidence, to help participants understand the mechanics of speaking, and to apply the principles to everyday situations. For registration information, call the YMCA, 885-0460.

Extended service suspended for retirement promotions

The requirement for soldiers who have been promoted to colonel, lieutenant colonel, CW4, CW3, sergeant major, master sergeant or sergeant first class to serve two years in their new grade before retirement is suspended until June 30, 1976. They must, however, meet all other requirements for retirement. Soldiers serving in the listed grades who have completed all other service obligations and who are otherwise eligible for retirement may apply for voluntary retirement between now and June 30, 1976 providing they will have completed six months active duty in that grade after they were promoted.

Officers with Reserve or Regular Army commissions will not be released involuntarily as a result of this suspension. Applications for retirement must be submitted according to the procedures and timing required.

Personnel Actions Section, Military Personnel, Bldg. 86 can supply further details.

Roadside spot checks begin at the Presidio

Beginning this month the quality assurance branch of Maintenance Division will be conducting roadside inspections of military vehicles.

According to Mr. W. H. Prugh, installation maintenance officer, a mobile team of inspectors will be stationed at Presidio roadways to stop military vehicles at random to check vehicles' safety and pollution features, and operators' military driver's license and dispatch form. The check points will resemble California highway patrol check points and drivers will be motioned into inspecting areas by an MP officer.

Delay of vehicles should not be more than five minutes.

The inspections are designed to improve maintenance ensuring vehicles are being maintained properly and deficiencies are corrected, said Prugh. He said that the inspections are not meant to harass.

A vehicle found to have deficiencies will be reported to appropriate unit or activity commanders for corrective action. The vehicle does not have to be brought back to the maintenance division to show corrective action has been taken.

All military vehicles are subject to the inspection except ambulances, fire engines, and military police vehicles on a legitimate call. MP vehicles on routine patrol are subject to the inspection.

Prugh said the inspection team will remain at one location for short periods of time, then will move to a new location making it difficult for drivers to avoid the inspectors.

How long the inspections will go on will depend upon the number of deficiencies and violations. Mr. Prugh said that if few deficiencies are found, the program will cease. If, however, many violations are found, the inspecting period may continue indefinitely.



The work of building begins at the bottom as an engineer clears dirt for a foundation area for the new bus terminal.

Work projects continue at the Presidio

Work projects, aimed at making the Presidio a better post on which to work and live, are continuing at the Presidio.

Work began last week on an "Avenue of Flags" which will weave through the Presidio in time for the Army's Bicentennial Celebration.

Some 207 flags, representing various states and historical periods, will fly on either side of Lincoln Boulevard, from the Post Office to Lombard Street, and down Lombard to the main gate.

The colorful display will be raised for the first time June 14 to celebrate the 200th birthday of the U.S. Army. It will later be used for most special occasions.

Last week, workmen sank permanent flagstaff holders on either side of the post's main thoroughfare. The flags will measure three by five feet. A small sign on each flagstaff will tell when the flag was used.

Fifteen western state flags will fly in the display along with Spanish and Mexican colors, signifying those countries' occupation of the Presidio, and U.S. flags from the 1775 to the present. In an unrelated project, soldiers of the 864th Engineer Battalion have begun construction of a new main bus terminal building near the Main Cafeteria.

According to Lieutenant Lewis Canonico, operations officer, the old terminal building was no longer safe due to its age. The new building is scheduled to be completed by the end of May.

The new building, which will be built on the steel framework of the original terminal, will be a block building with shingled roof. No restrooms will be installed as restrooms in the original building were a frequent target of vandals. Restrooms in the nearby cafeteria may be used by persons waiting for buses.

Roaming dogs create problems

Some things are starting to go to the dogs, and some pet owners who allow their dogs to roam free on this installation can take the blame.

The Post Safety Council Meeting states that dogs have been reported running loose on post, have bitten children and are generally being a nuisance. Some of these free-running dogs have formed packs.

"Not all loose dogs that have been sighted belong to people from the Presidio," said an MP officer assigned here. "A few of them are strays that come in from the city. But we are getting complaints from housing areas that some dog owners are allowing their pets to run free, especially at night. This is in violation of Presidio

regulation 210-10 that states owners must be in control of their dogs at all times."

The MP officer said that dog packs have been reported in the old hospital area and near the commissary. Efforts are being made by the military police to capture any free-roaming dogs but this has proved difficult. Recently, the Provost Marshal Division has acquired a "stun gun," a dart-shooting rifle. The gun fires a syringe-shaped projectile filled with a mild anaesthetic that quiets the animal in about three minutes. The officer said that the serum is carefully measured to the dog's estimated weight by the post veterinarian who accompanies the one qualified MP who shoots the stun gun.

The dog is not harmed when it is hit by the dart.

When a dog is captured, it is turned over to the post veterinary clinic where it is checked for ownership. If it is owned by someone on the Presidio or subposts, the person is notified of the animal's impoundment. All strays or unclaimed animals are turned over to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).

First offense to Presidio dog owners on their captured pet is a warning from the military police. Continued violations can bring the owner reprimanding letters from the Post Commander and banishment of the animal from the post.

If the dog has bitten somebody, the dog is examined, quarantined, and observed. The cost of this procedure is borne by the dog owner. A bitten person should report to Letterman Army Medical Center immediately for treatment.

Though all efforts are being made to round up Presidio personnel owned dogs and strays by the military police, the problem can be lessened considerably by owners keeping close control of their pets. Presidio regulation 210-10, Control of Animal Pets, have all the guidelines to what is expected of dog owners. If you have a dog and don't have this regulation, there is a copy at the post veterinary services.

The Presidio's role in 'Operation Babylift'

It began slowly at first last Tuesday, like a snowball gathering momentum downhill. A flurry of telephone calls. Standby alerts. Calling in units. Hasty conferences.

By Wednesday afternoon, Operation SPOVO (Support of Vietnamese Orphans) was in full swing and this small Army post near San Francisco's Golden Gate was suddenly the center of national attention.

"It may be our biggest operation of this type since we helped out after the San Francisco Earthquake," one officer commented.

Now a spinoff of a different catastrophe is casting the Presidio, in a similar role.

As Operation SPOVO completed its first full week, nearly every Army unit here has been involved. They provided cooks, doctors, medical supplies, vehicles, drivers, security, communications and volunteers.

Twelve-hour shifts were the norm, but many soldiers were up 48 hours initially and still worked round the clock. Feelings of confusion and exhaustion were common. For those working close to the project, one day ran into the next. But the work, caring for the orphans, was accomplished and the Army was an indispensable part of it.

For the Presidio, Operation SPOVO began when Charlotte Berhandt, the daughter of the president of World Airways asked the Presidio Commander, Colonel Robert V. Kane for permission to house the orphans here.

The Army made Presidio facilities available and by day's end plans were underway to receive the children.

The following morning, people in those units closest to the project were talking about their roles. Rumors were rampant. Estimates of the number of orphans ranged from the hundreds into the thousands.

Workers from the local 16th Base Post Office were already turning Harmon Hall, a large reserve center, into a temporary nursery. Some 150 mattresses, were spread

out on the floor of the gymnasium-like hall. Sheets, pillows, blankets and baby supplies followed. An MP Company of the 504th MP Battalion was alerted to begin 24-hour security of the building.

An Emergency Operations Center was opened. Army Community Services prepared to coordinate volunteer registration. Cooks in the messhalls went on alert to feed the children and workers. The Information Office set up a press center across the street from Harmon Hall. Telephone workers began installing new lines and telephones.

Telephone calls flooded the Presidio switchboard as soon as local radio and television stations announced that the children would be brought here. Despite pleas not to call, people swamped the post requesting information about the orphans.

Callers, some in tears, asked how they could adopt the children, how many were coming and when they would arrive. The operators, caught off guard, were kept at the switchboard until 2 a.m. before they got relief.

Elements of two military police companies set up security around Harmon Hall beginning at 7 a.m. They established checkpoints at the building's two entrances to check identification badges and keep out the curious.

Buses met the first flight of 58 children at Oakland Airport and brought them to the waiting nursery more than 20 miles away.

Meanwhile, reporters flocked to the Presidio press center (their number had reached more than 250, representing every major news media), cooks made ready to feed the hungry orphans, doctors prepared to examine them and the MPs held back the crowds.

And so it went since that first night. Everyone took a slight breather after the last of the 58 orphans were gone, but the whole cycle repeated itself again Saturday when 300 more arrived from war torn Vietnam.

This time two other buildings had to be opened. The motor pool set up shuttles and ferried adopted orphans to airports to meet their adopting parents.

Personal reactions to Operation SPOVO hits every extreme and in between.

Some people were amazed by all the activity. "I've been in the Army 22 years and I've never experienced anything like this before," said a mess sergeant during his 16-hour stint on the serving line.

Many soldiers seemed happy just to be part of the operation. Asked what he thought of it, a young enlisted man working in Harmon Hall just smiled and looked at the kids and said, "Great, just really great."

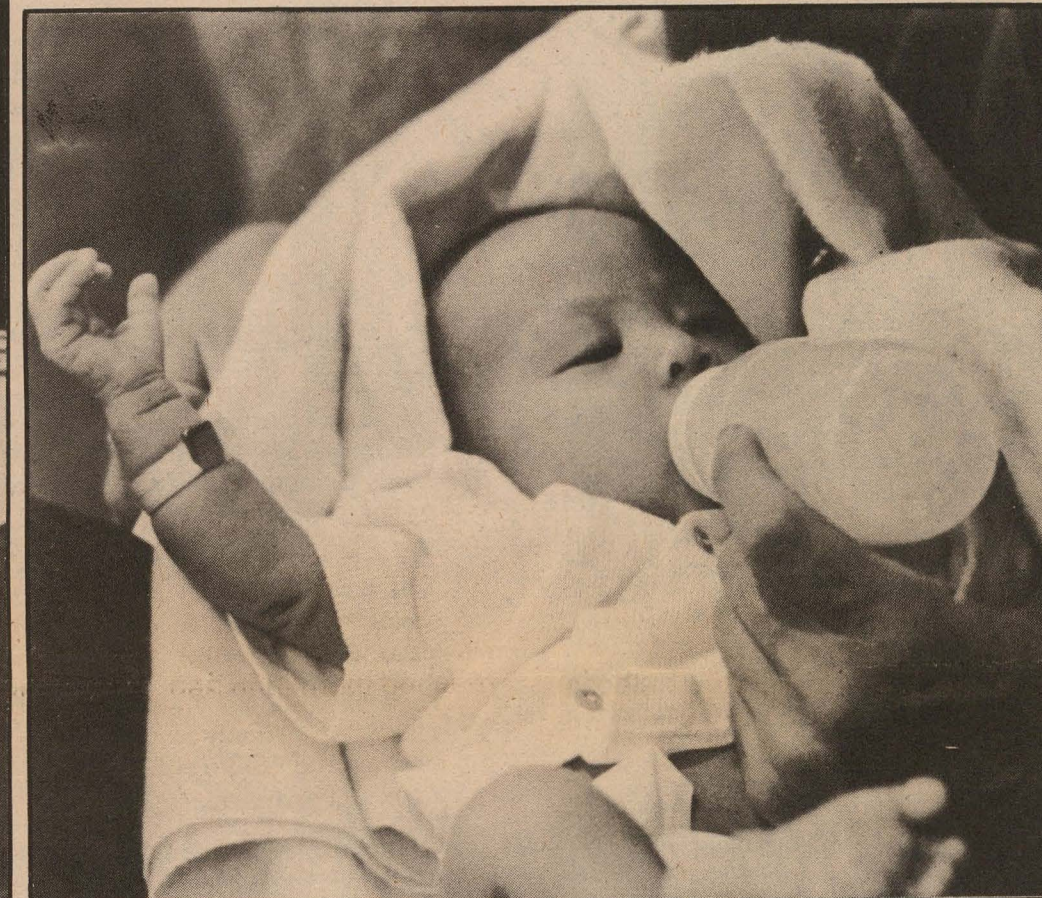
Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Horne, Project Officer for Operation SPOVO said, "The personnel of Headquarters Presidio of San Francisco and its units responded in a rapid and humane manner and have worked long and arduous hours. A special thanks and recognition should be given to the enlisted personnel who jumped in with or without orders. They saw the job that had to be done and did it despite a lack of rest, sleep and even food. Since each cannot be personally thanked, I hope that all who worked have an inner sense of satisfaction and personal accomplishment that will endure long after the orphans have left the Presidio."

And, a 60-year old Catholic priest remarked to the post commander on April 9, "I've been through a number of wonderful experiences, but this is the greatest outpouring of human love I've ever seen." This priest was already into his third day of caring for the infants as one of the volunteers.

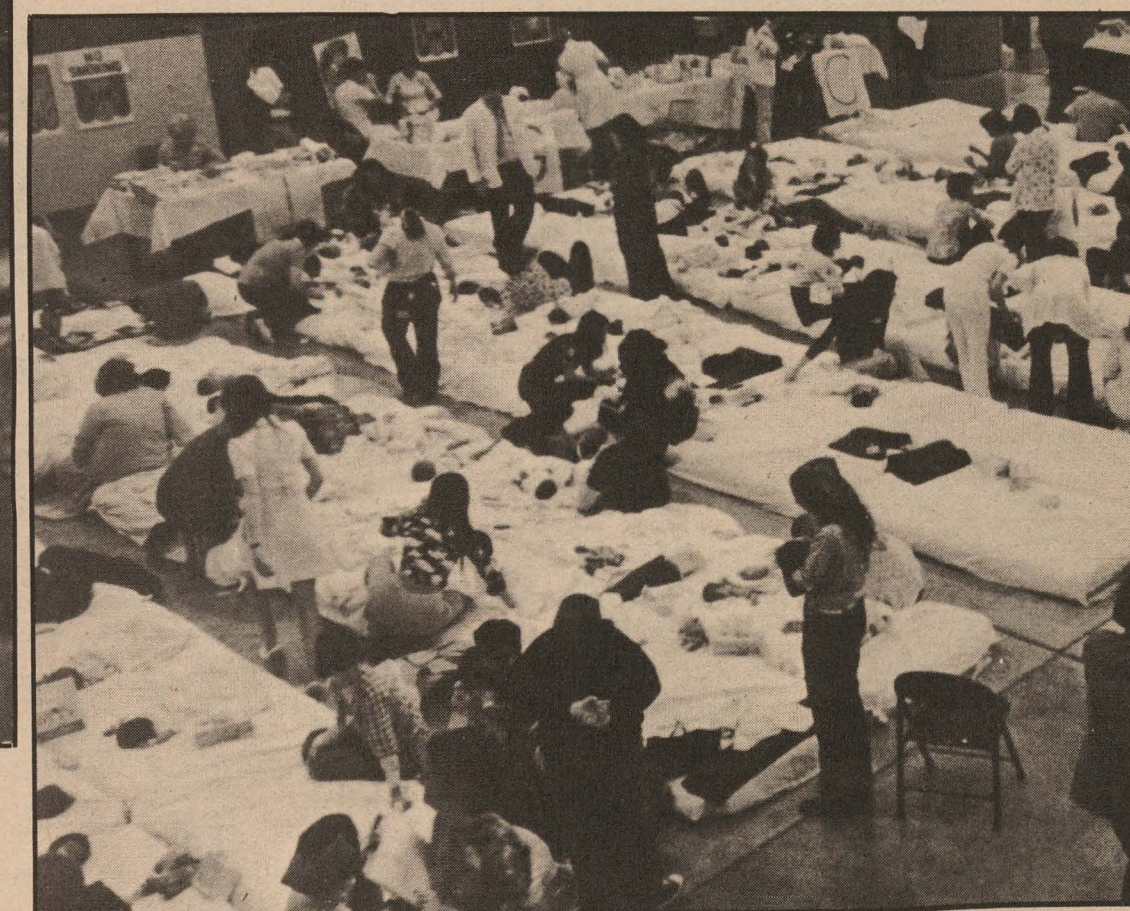
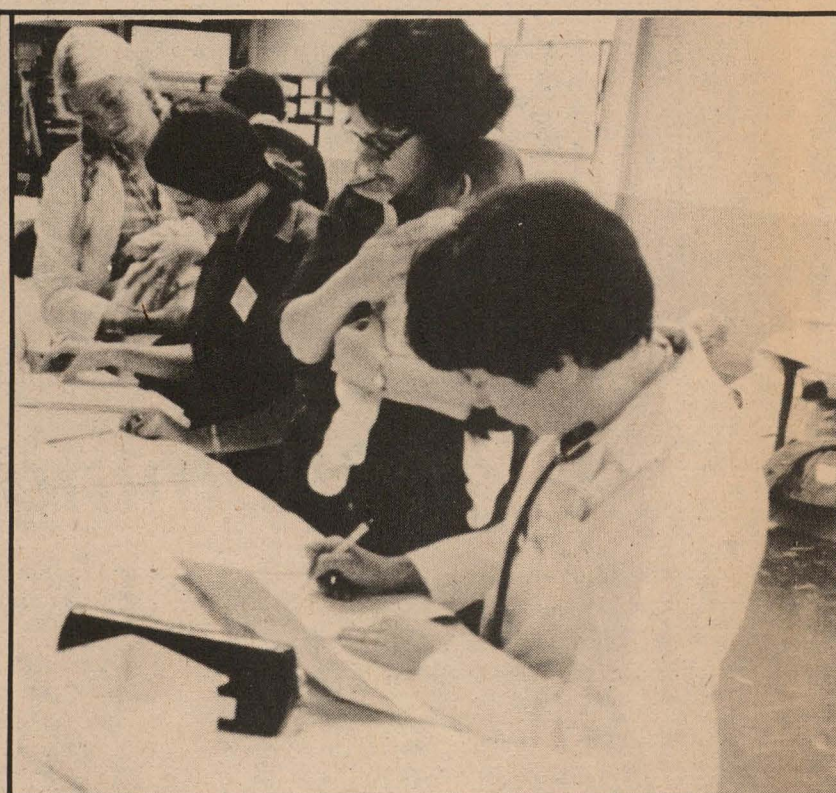
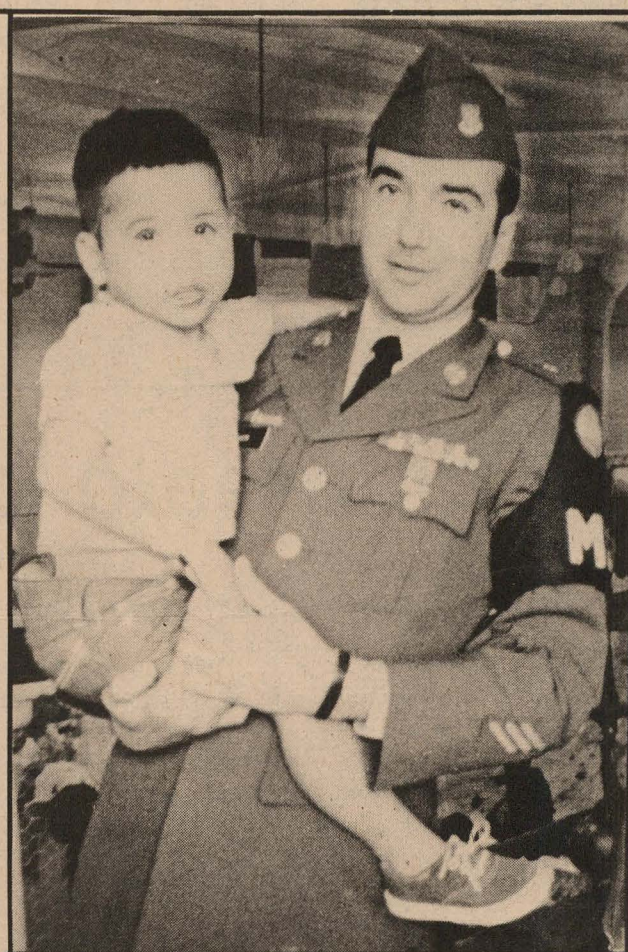
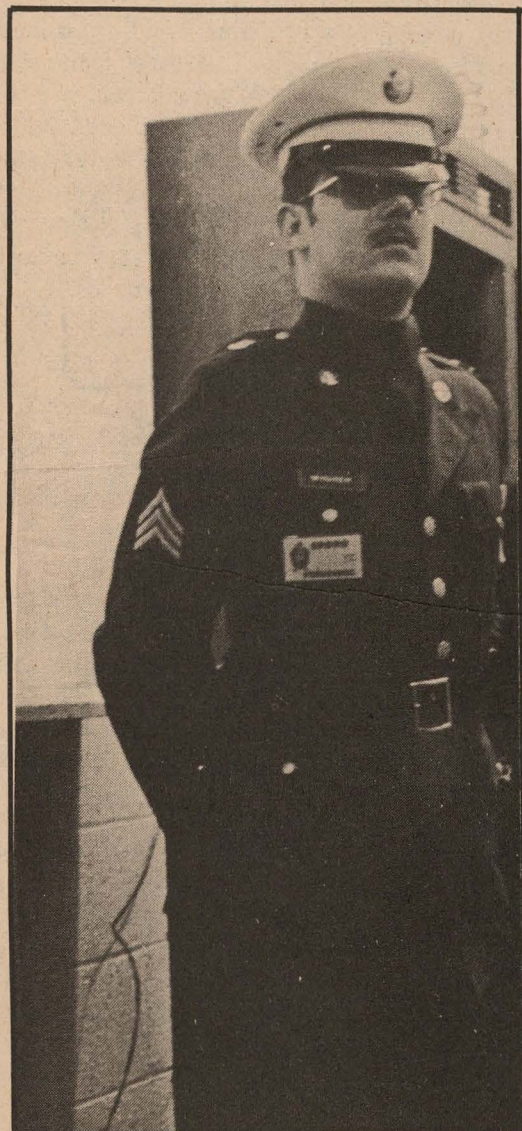
The post commander stated, "This operation shows how deeply the Army community cares for people. The fantastic voluntary effort by our troops and dependents should be a source of the greatest satisfaction. As I said to my own daughters and niece, 'These children have changed our lives.' And so it is with all of us."

Photos — Bottom, left: Ignoring rain, chilling temperatures and the long hours, Military Police provided 24-hour security and control during Operation Babylift. Many of them still found time to assist with the children. Medical personnel in Harmon Hall chart medical records for the children. Right: Cooks prepare food for the older children at Harmon Hall.

This child seems to prefer the warmth of a blanket and the security of cradling arms while he eats.



Photos by Jim Stuhler



Round-the-clock activity in this small section of Harmon Hall is typical of the efforts contributed by hundreds of military and civilian people during Operation Babylift.

WACs to qualify with M-16 rifle

Beginning July 1, all women entering the active Army and its reserve components will be required to take defensive type weapons training which includes qualification with the standard Army rifle.

The weapons training will be an integral part of their basic training and will be geared to the individual's own defense or defense of her unit should the need arise.

This policy does not conflict with the Army's stated position that women will not participate in a direct combat role, according to an Army spokesman. Women will not be assigned to a unit that has a direct combat mission.

Women presently on active duty and those who enter before June 30

will continue in their present program of voluntary weapons training until expiration of their present term of service. However, they will be required to complete defensive weapons training prior to reenlistment.

Women enlisting after June 30 will be informed of the requirement for weapons training in their enlistment contract.

Enlisted women were previously exempt from weapons firing except on a voluntary basis. Voluntary rifle firing for enlisted women has been a part of their basic training since last summer. Almost 80 per cent of women trainees chose to participate in the voluntary program.

Japan Center to host Cherry Blossom Festival

Every spring thousands of Northern Californians of Japanese ancestry meet in San Francisco to celebrate their cultural heritage.

Further contributing to the ethnic authenticity of the eighth annual Cherry Blossom Festival will be over 300 performers from Japan.

The dates of this seven-day spectacle are April 18-20 and April 24-27. The setting is the city's Nihonmachi (Japan town) and five-acre Japan Center.

The Center's Peace Plaza at Post and Buchanan Streets becomes an Inland Sea of sound and movement on festival weekends with tumultuous folk song and dance fests and thunderous taiko (Japanese drum) concerts.

The pagoda-ornamented plaza is also the stage for children's programs, classical dancers and musicians and masters of the martial arts of judo, aikido, kendo, kenpo, taiko and karate.

Showcased elsewhere in the three-block complex will be displays of Japanese art, calligraphy, dolls, silk screens, bonsai (dwarf trees), pottery and thoroughbred Akita dogs as well

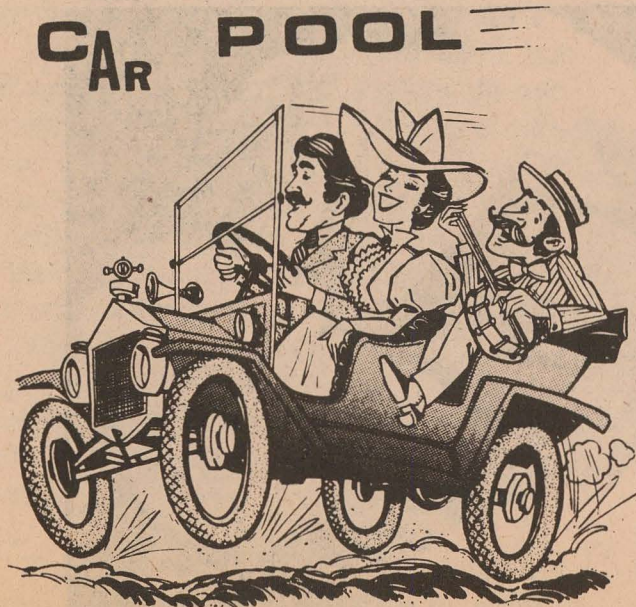
as demonstrations of flower arranging, the tea ceremony and paper sculpting.

There will be a Cherry Blossom queen contest and coronation and, in the adjacent Japanese quarter, a food bazaar and film presentations.

Special events include performances of kyogen (classical comic theater) by famed acting troupes from Tokyo and Kyoto and a koto concert by 50 musicians from Japan. Entertainers from Toyama prefecture will put on a program of minyo (folk dancing).

Other groups from Japan will take part in the colorful dai gyoretsu (grand parade) which climaxes the celebration. A uniquely Japanese sight, this three-hour procession features hundreds of exotically costumed entertainers, portable shrines, bands, clowns and juggernaut-like floats. It will start at 1 p.m. on April 27 and move from City Hall to the Japan Center.

A full schedule of festival events may be obtained from the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1390 Market Street, San Francisco, 94102.



Pat Puckett, Waterville and Silver Ave., San Francisco to Presidio (Bldg. 87). Needs a ride. Telephone: 3988 or 2826.

M/Sgt Larry Blanc, Rohnert Park, telephone (duty) 3922. Destination: LAMC, day shift, Monday through Friday. Will drive and share in driving.

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd, Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518 (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing car pool.

SP5 Eugenia L. Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland, telephone (duty) 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Renee A. Hargrove, 259 San Luis #2, San Bruno, telephone (home) 871-7492. Destination: National Cemetery (on post). Will drive on car pool or share expenses.

Jack E. Pine, Half Moon Bay (Pacifica area), telephone (home) 726-4549 (duty) 5179. Destination: PSF. Riders wanted, will share expenses.

H. Hein, Albany area and North Berkeley, telephone (home) 524-3280 (duty) 2241, destination: PSF, need riders and drivers for car pool.

Gloria J. McLarnan, Santa Rosa to Presidio (Bldg. 39). Needs a ride and will share expenses. Telephone: 707-542-5940 (Home), 3137 (work).

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SFC Elwood, telephone (duty) 4656/4968. Would like to join or start a car pool between Fairfield and the Presidio. Day shift Monday through Friday.

Rosie Howard, Grove and Stuart Streets, Berkeley to LAMC (Bldg. 651). Telephone: 561-5631 (work) or 845-5071 (home). Wants a ride. Will share expenses.

William Morgan, 399 South Gate, Daily City (West Lake Area) telephone (work) 5634 (home) 756-7099 Destination: Bldg 650, PSF. Can drive three days a week but will need a ride on Fridays.

Jo Reed. Needs ride between Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in the Kentfield area and Sixth Army Headquarters building. Will share expenses. Telephone number: (home) 457-3095, (work) 4700/3063.

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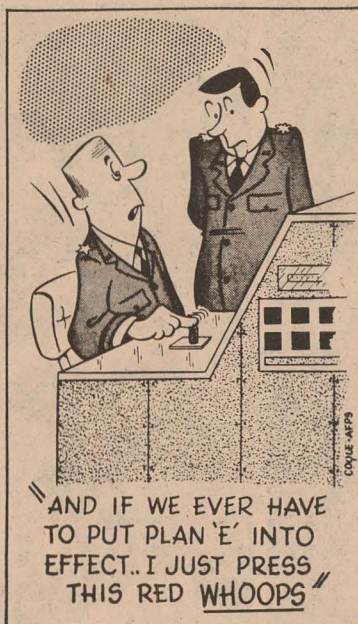
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People in trouble need realistic help

No man is an island

handicapped children, emergency situations, baby-sitters, financial help from Army Emergency Relief, retirement services, and survivor assistance and budget counseling are a few examples of the types of assistance offered.

The Loan Closet provides temporary loans of essential household and kitchen articles including beds, dishes, pots and pans, ironing boards and irons.

If you don't know where to start looking for answers, start with ACS. A representative can be contacted at 561-5057/5256. In an emergency after duty hours, call the Staff Duty Officer, 561-3601/2045.

So You Need Cash?

What if you need money and it doesn't really come under the emergency category? It can still put you into a tight spot, especially if you try to borrow it from a high-interest lending institution.

Remember that one of the easiest and best places to borrow money at low interest rates is the Presidio Federal Credit Union, Bldg. 229. Located near Post Headquarters, the credit union is open from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A membership fee of \$5.25 is required to join. Membership entitles members to such services as loans at ¾ of 1 per cent per month interest, savings accounts at 6 per cent interest and financial counseling.

Soldiers and civilian employees of the U.S. government are eligible to become members of the credit union.

Complete details can be obtained by dialing 561-4703/4728.

Legal Help

Many people seem to think that a lawyer is a luxury that they can't afford. The soldier and his family, however, are fortunate. They receive free legal aid from well-qualified attorneys.

The relationship between an Army legal officer and those who seek his help is person-to-person and confidential. You can get that help by contacting the Legal Assistance Officer, Bldg. 223, or calling 561-5591/2925.

This includes, but is not limited to such problems as adoption, wills, power of attorney, change of name, advice on contracts, obtaining citizenship, reviewing leases, and assistance with tax returns.

About to sign a contract you're unsure about? Have the legal assistance officer look it over. Have a sticky legal problem bothering you? Get his advice.

Strung Out?

If you or anyone you know is having problems with alcohol or other drugs, the people at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program (ADAP) want to help.

ADAP provides alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and rehabilitation services for active duty military, their dependents and retired military personnel. In addition, Department of the Army civilian employees are provided prevention and rehabilitation services for alcohol abuse.

The "Rap Center," located in Bldg. 201 offers movies, seminars, and discussions pertaining to alcohol and drug abuse. For information, telephone 561-2932.

The Interim House, located in Bldg. 1034 provides a Halfway House where rehabilitation is augmented by a live-in program. The staff also maintains a 24-hour crisis intervention hot line. For assistance or help, call 561-2663.

Action Line

A 24-hour telephone service — Action Line — is designed to help the command help people. Anyone with a Presidio-related problem that can't be solved through the chain of command can call Action Line, 561-L-I-N-E, day or night, with their comments, gripes or suggestions. Each call is answered by the command.

When All Else Fails

"God Himself does not appear to the hungry man except in the form of bread," Mahatma Gandhi said. The moral is clear. The man in trouble needs realistic help.

The chaplains at the Presidio specialize in giving that help. Perhaps in the distant past, clergymen in and out of uniform could devote themselves primarily to theology. Chaplains today encounter new situations daily that require them to have the understanding of a street urchin combined with the wisdom of a Solomon, an armored hide and a complete inability to be shocked by anything they may encounter. These things, coupled with a sincere dedication to serving their fellow man, are what enable the Presidio chaplains to provide the help they give. Family problems, spiritual counseling, personal problems — these and many other problems in daily living are dealt with by the chaplains.

If you've got a problem and you don't know where to go for help, or if you're afraid to seek help elsewhere, why don't you begin with the chaplain? If it doesn't come under his jurisdiction, he'll make sure you get to someone who can help.

Many others could be added to this list, for there are many others that care and can help. Those not listed are people that you may be referred to by the listed agencies.

No one knows what problems may be ahead but help is available.

Many things are changing in the Army but, at the Presidio, one thing has not changed. The Presidio, long known as a people-oriented post, continues to place emphasis upon its people and the organizations which provide assistance for its people.

The organizations exist. The people in them care. They can't produce miracles but they do help people find solutions to problems. Each person should know what the organizations are, where to contact them and what services they provide.

RED CROSS

Cash, advice and concern — a big order but it's filled daily by the Red Cross at the Presidio. Family problems often loom large but help provided by the Red Cross eases many of those problems.

Red Cross representatives can refer the soldier and his family to agencies that specialize in such matters as legal or medical cases, employment, child welfare or family counseling. Need for emergency leaves can be quickly verified by the Red Cross and the soldier speeded on his way. The Red Cross will also provide loans for emergency leaves, family assistance and other emergencies.

A Red Cross representative is available at the Presidio seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The representative can be contacted during duty hours at Bldg. 97, telephone 561-2141/2142. After duty hours, the representative may be contacted by dialing the post operator.

LAMC personnel should contact the Red Cross representative, telephone number 561-4806/4922, during duty hours.

Everything's A Mess?

There are times when everything seems to go to pieces. When that happens, Army Community Services (ACS), Bldg. 913, often has the answers.

ACS serves as a referral and coordinating agency and as a central source of information, helping members of the Presidio community to handle personal and family problems beyond the scope of their own resources.

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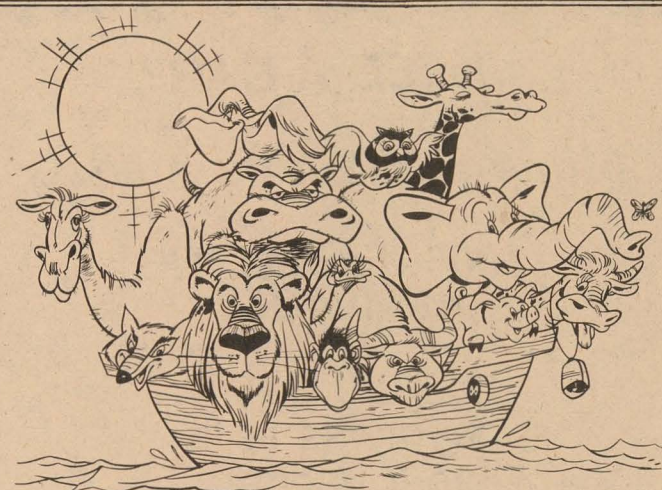
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Three states announce elections

California, Illinois and Mississippi have announced election plans of interest to residents of those states.

Special elections are scheduled May 27 in California and Illinois to fill vacancies in the 94th Congress. California will have a special primary election on April 29 to nominate candidates for U.S. Representative from the 37th Congressional District (formerly the 33rd District).

Illinois will not hold a special primary but will carry the names of the two candidates competing for the office of U.S. Representative from the 5th Congressional District. They are John C. Fary-(D), and William H. G. Toms-(R).



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How the Army's SRB program works

WASHINGTON (ANF) — Of the three long-standing categories of proficiency pay, only special duty assignment proficiency pay is to continue after next July 1. Superior performance pay ended Feb. 1; shortage specialty pay, designed to attract and retain qualified soldiers in MOSs with career manning shortages, also will be phased out by next July 1.

To aid in offsetting the phase out of shortage specialty pay, the Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) program that began last June is being expanded.

SRB as established last June was for soldiers with less than six years service serving in designated critical skills. It's called "zone A" SRB.

The category of SRB added on Feb 1 is for soldiers with between 6-10 years of service serving in selected critical skills. This is called "zone B" SRB.

Here's how the SRB program works. It's based on the criticality of a skill (MOS) at the time of reenlistment. Bonus MOSs are divided into six groups with bonus award level multipliers 1-6. Six is the most critical and yields the largest bonus.

The multipliers used are subject to change. Currently, multipliers 1-5 are being used for zone A bonuses; multipliers 1-2 for zone B bonuses.

The bonus a soldier receives is calculated by multiplying his monthly base pay, times the number of years reenlisting (additional obligated serv-

ice), times the SRB multiplier for his MOS.

Uncompleted obligated service at the time of reenlistment is deducted from the figure used as years reenlisted.

To be eligible for a zone A SRB, a first term soldier must be on active duty other than active duty for training. He must be in pay grade E-3 or above and be qualified in a primary MOS three months before discharge. And he must reenlist for a minimum of three years for a total of six years service. Additionally, the soldier cannot be on an enlistment or extension

that obligates him beyond six years.

The zone B bonus is designed for soldiers with at least six years of service but not more than 10. The reenlistment or extension of service must be for three years which when coupled with a soldier's entire service will total 10 years. And a soldier cannot be on an extension or reenlistment that obligates him beyond 10 years.

There are currently 62 MOSs for which SRB is being paid in zone A. Zone B bonuses are being paid in 27 MOSs. MILPERCEN message 201630Z Dec. 74 has the latest list of

MOSs for which zone A and B bonuses are being paid.

Aside from the SRB program, there is the Special Duty Assignment Proficiency Pay Program. Special duty assignment (SDA) pay is being paid to encourage soldiers to volunteer for duty as drill sergeants, career counselors and recruiters. There are three SDA pay rates.

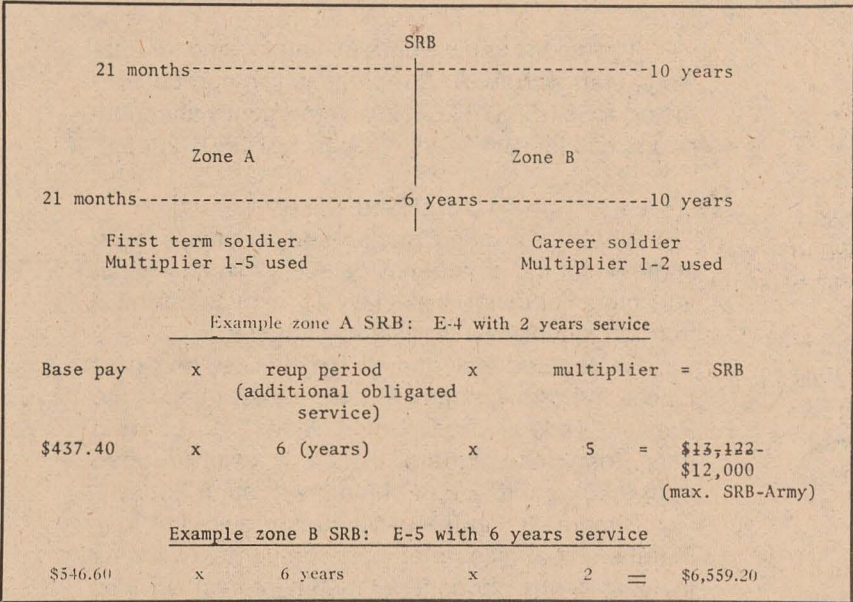
Career counselors, DSs and recruiters with 0-6 months recruiting experience draw \$50. Recruiters, below district level only, with 6-18 months experience draw \$100, and those with more than 18 months experience draw \$150.

To draw SDA, a soldier must be in grade E-3 or above, school qualified in an MOS eligible for SDA pay, filling an SDA slot and performing SDA duties.

Soldiers might consider qualifying and transferring to a SRB eligible MOS. If at the time of bonus MOS qualification and subsequent reenlistment the MOS is still bonus eligible, then the soldier will be entitled to the SRB.

SDA proficiency pay is another outlet. DS duty is now a regular part of the career pattern for soldiers in combat MOSs, but non-combat, non-bonus recipients in all career fields may volunteer for DS duty. The recruiting and career counseling fields are also open.

See your career counselor or personnel office for more details on bonuses or special duty assignments.



SPORTS

INTRAMURAL BOWLING (April 4)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
Support Element #1	71½	32½
LAIR	70	34
170th MP Company	64½	39½
Garrison	64	40
525th MI Group	61½	42½
402nd MP Company	52	52
Armed Forces Police	52	52
Western Recruiting	42	62
Harbor Craft	41½	62½

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Letterman	84	16
Medical Lab	76	24
864th Engineers	72	28
Support Element #2	67	33
Mil-Pac 6	51	49
163rd MP Detachment	48	48
402nd MP Company	42	58
Armed Forces Police	15	85

INTRAMURAL Volleyball (April 8)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
LAIR	12	0
Medical Lab	11	3
Letterman	6	6
HHD 504th MP Battalion	4	4
Support Element	4	6
402nd MP Company	3	9
170th MP Company	2	8
Oakland Army Base	2	8

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
District Engineers	9	3
Sixth Army Band	9	3
Western Recruiting	8	2
525th MI Group	6	4
16th Base Post Office	2	6
864th Engineers	0	8
51st Engineers	0	12

FORSCOM bowling tourney here Monday

The FORSCOM-West bowling tournament will open here Monday with bowlers from eight posts vie for individual and team honors.

Singles competition will dominate the first day of play followed by doubles and finally team play.

It is the second FORSCOM tournament and the first year the meet has been divided into east and west regions. Last year the tournament was held at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Seven teams are expected to arrive here tomorrow for the competition: Ft. Carson, Ft. Sam Houston, Ft. Hood, Ft. Lewis (male team only), Ft. Riley, Ft. Sheridan (male team only) and Hawaii. The Presidio will enter a male and female team.

All competition will be divided into male and female divisions.

The players will roll practice lines at

during the competition and on Wednesday and Thursday until 4 p.m. and on Friday until 2:30 p.m.

Post softball team opens season

The Presidio softball team exploded for six runs in a two-out fifth inning rally Tuesday to defeat Federal Trade Commission 12-3 in the 1975 season opener.

Craig Steen went the distance on the mound for the Presidio, holding the Commission to nine hits. Presidio batters collected 22 of their own before the game was stopped by a one-hour ten-minute time limit rule in the fifth.

The post slow-pitch team jumped put to a 3-0 lead in the first inning and led 6-3 before the final inning rally that saw them bat around the order.

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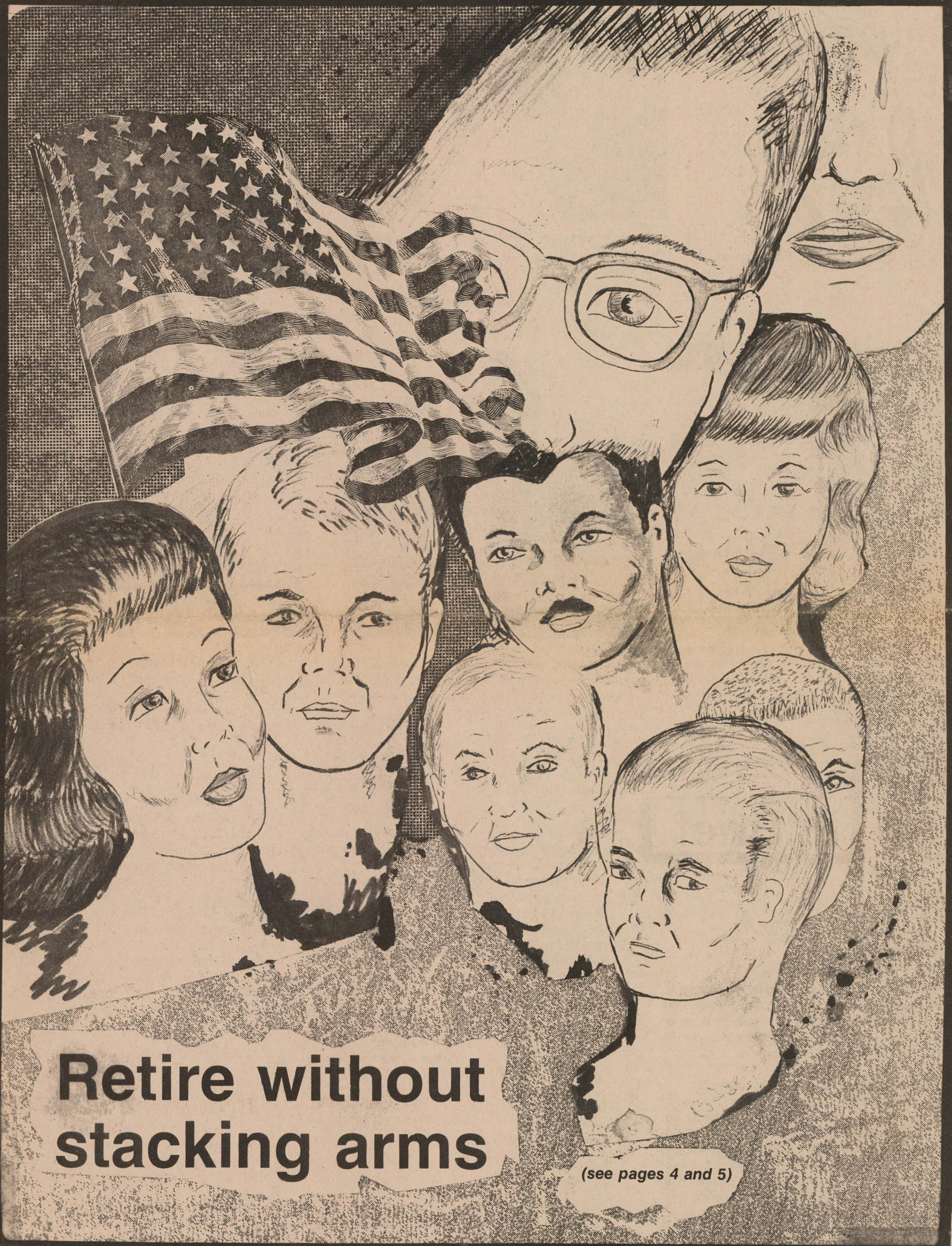
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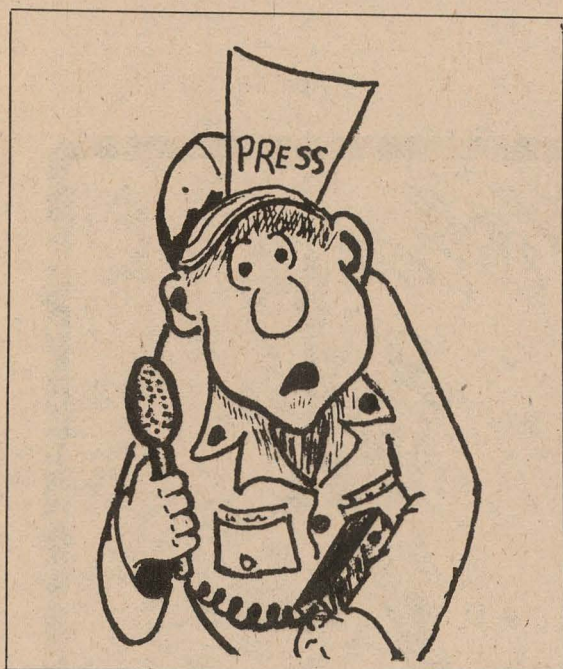
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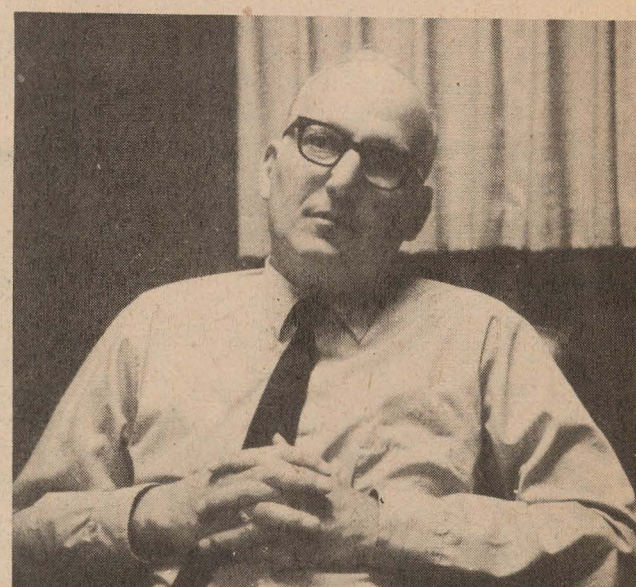
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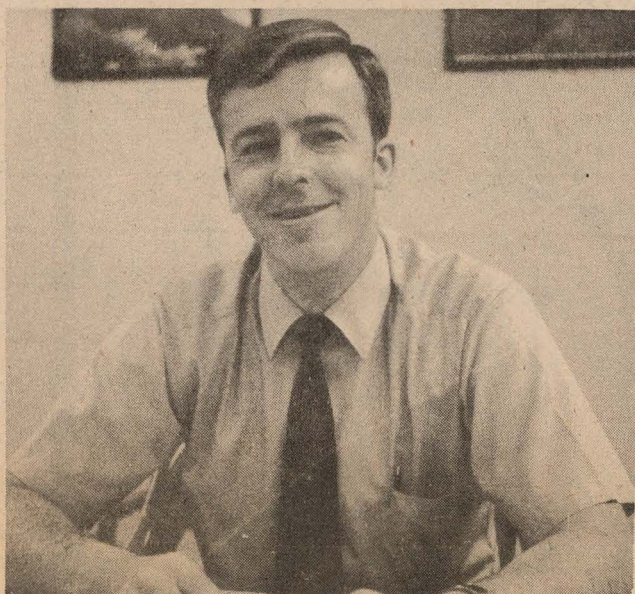
Ramblin' Sam Asks: "What plans have you made for retirement?"



Sp6 Tony Rockwell: "Presently, my job is trying to help problem drinkers as a counselor. When my retirement time comes in about four years I hope to continue helping people the same way on the outside. I hope by then to have my Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology."



Command Sergeant Major S. Beer: "To Help me financially I have invested some money. To help me in later job hunting I have my years-in-service experience, and I am presently augmenting my education by attending the University of San Francisco and San Francisco State College."



Capt. G. R. Belanger: "I'm shooting for my masters in business administration before I retire, and have a savings program so I will have extra cash. My second career plan is in government."



SSG Jeannie Neff: "Nothing, right now. With only seven years service behind me, I have plenty of time to prepare. I am taking college courses which can only help me later in a civilian field."



Lt. Col. Allen A. Bresette: "I have started a savings program to supplement my retirement benefits, but I think my service experience will benefit me more. Especially in the job market. My employment aim as a civilian will be in management."

News in Brief

Summer uniform

The first Monday in May is the date to begin wearing the summer uniform at the Presidio. Khakis, TWS and the lightweight green uniform may be worn by male soldiers. Cords, and the lightweight green uniform may be worn by female soldiers.

Deferred payment for uniforms

In what amounts to buy now, pay later, soldiers of all ranks may use a deferred payment plan for uniform and accessory purchases of \$35 or more. According to Mrs. Suchenski, of the Main PX Manager's office, a \$25 down payment is required for merchandise purchased under the plan. The uniforms may then be picked up by the soldier and the remainder of the purchase price made in monthly payments.

Formerly restricted to servicemen and women in grades E5 and above, the liberalized policy allows all personnel to purchase uniform items and maintain a first-rate appearance.

Crafts Shop Closed

The Post Craft Shop, Bldg. 122, will host an Army Crafts Training Clinic for Arts and Crafts staff members only on April 28, 29 and 30. The Craft Shop will be closed to the public for operation on these days and will resume normal operation Saturday, May 3.

Sailing

Alameda Naval Air Station will form a new sailing club for all military personnel beginning with an introductory picnic at noon, April 20.

Refreshments will be provided and 20 sailboats, including two 44-foot yawls, will be available for a day of free sailing. To attend the event, come to Bldg. 385, Alameda Naval Air Station, April 20. Complete details may be obtained from Major Larry Hurdiss, 561-7362/3761, or Alameda Naval Air Station, 869-2840.

Medal of Honor recipient to speak at NCOA meeting

SSG Jon Cavaiani, who received the Medal of Honor for his actions in Vietnam will be guest speaker at the NCOA meeting, 6:30 p.m., April 24, at the Recreation Center. An election of trustees will also be held during the meeting. All NCOA members and interested persons are invited.

Enlisted Wives Club

The Presidio Enlisted Wives Club will hold its monthly social on Monday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Presidio Religious Center. Guest for the evening will be Col. and Mrs. Robert V. Kane and Ms. Marie Brooks, Director of the Teen Club. Refreshments will be served.

The Club will hold its monthly luncheon Tuesday, April 22. Members and guests are asked to meet at the Golden Gate Lookout at 11:00 a.m. Babysitting service will be provided free of charge for members. For more information please call Mrs. Alice Linday, 387-4020.

SCUBA class to begin

A swim test and orientation for the next Outdoor Recreation basic SCUBA diving class will be held at 6 p.m., April 24 in the SCUBA classroom, Bldg. 69, above the Presidio pool. Interested persons should contact Outdoor Recreation at 4324.



For All Parents

An Open House for Business Education Day will be held by John Swett Elementary School, 727 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, on Thursday, April 24.

Special activities involving all students will be presented from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Discovery Day activities including language, reading, math, nutrition, science projects and science practical experiments will be presented in all classrooms.

This activity is planned especially for parents and the school staff urges all parents to take an hour or two away from their job that day to attend the event.

Four ladies find cash and adventure



The smiles worn by (l. to r.) Carol DiPaula, Debbi Wright and Liz Horne as they prepare Hope Carlock for basic training are for the Civilian Acquired Skills (CAS) program sponsored by the Army Reserve.

(Photo by Antonio Conde Reyes)

Carol DiPaula, Liz Horne, Debbi Wright and Hope Carlock, employees of the U.S. Army on the Presidio, recently enlisted in the Army Reserves through the Civilian Acquired Skills program sponsored by the Reserves. These new Reservists qualified through their civilian jobs to enlist in the Army Reserve as E-3s and spend only two weeks at Fort McClellan, Alabama. The remainder of their basic training will be taken on weekends in the Bay area. They will be promoted to E-4 at that time.

Carol just returned from Fort McClellan and said that the \$45 you receive to purchase personal items at Fort McClellan, \$212 in base pay and the 15 days military leave while receiving your civilian pay comes in handy.

"The main reasons for joining," Debbi said, "are the new people you meet at Reserve meetings, travel opportunities with your Reserve I.D. card, the \$1,000 extra income per year and the extra excitement added to your life."

Carol, Hope and Debbi work as Personnel Specialists at Sixth Army and Liz is a clerk typist at the Post Motor Pool.

Many other opportunities are still open. Interested persons should call 4144 or visit Room 211, Bldg. 39.

Selection board to convene for major

A selection board will convene in late May to consider officers for promotion to the grade of major.

The primary zone of consideration for all promotion lists will include all officers serving on active duty in the grade of captain with a date of rank of May 31, 1968 or earlier.

The secondary zone will include all active duty captains with a date of rank through August 31, 1969.

Any officer eligible for primary zone consideration may submit a letter to the selection board, inviting attention to any part of his military record that he thinks is important in considering him for promotion. A commissioned officer being considered for Regular Army promotion must send the letter through his career branch.

The information should be forwarded to: Secretariat, DA Selection Boards, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332.

Communications pertaining to officers in the secondary zone will not be accepted by DA selection boards.

A list of eligible officers in the primary zone of consideration is being provided to military personnel officers. Commanders are asked to insure that the list includes all eligible officers assigned to their activity.

Employment seminar to be held

A program designed to assist separating military personnel find meaningful employment has been prepared by members of the VOC-TECH staff of the Post Army Education Centers. The program is an adaptation of the newly developed "Veterans Employment Seminar Program" (VESP) produced by the National Alliance of Businessmen.

Areas of discussion include:

- (1) Where to look and go for employment and career assistance;
- (2) The resume and job interview;
- (3) Alternatives to immediate employment.

These discussion points will be augmented by the showing of films produced by the Department of Labor ("Job Story" and "That Job Interview") and the Veterans Administration film "You Owe It To Yourself."

The program will be of interest to separatees who will conclude their military service within 90 days. The seminar will be presented on Thursday, May 1, 1975 at the Training Aids Services auditorium, building 603 (east of the Main PX). Attendance will be limited to 40 people. For reservation or additional information please call Ext. 2974/3189 (Fort Scott Center) or Ext. 3693/4030 (Letterman Center).

Toastmistress and Toastmasters clubs seek new members

The Presidio Toastmasters' Club and the Presidians Toastmistress Club are seeking new members who are interested in self-development and training in the speech arts. Members learn how to communicate orally, how to lead committee or discussion groups, and how to address gatherings under prepared or impromptu conditions.

Members are allowed one hour of time besides their lunch period for their meetings. This time is charged as training and Civilian Personnel Training Branch issues a certificate of training which is placed in the persons record file.

A member is given a simple assignment for the first few meetings, such as leading the pledge, invocation or closing thought. As the member gains confidence, they receive responsibility for more difficult assignments. The first speech, an "ice breaker", can be a description of events in their own life or some aspect of special interest in their life.

As members progress, they are assigned to committee work, such as budget, publicity, program or

education. Working on these committees teaches members to plan, organize, and make decisions—vital elements required of a leader.

Elections are held which gives everyone an opportunity to develop additional abilities as a leader as they advance. Upon completion of a term in office, the member can begin training at the next level while continuing to participate in the club.

The clubs also offer many opportunities to travel. The 1974 International Conference of the Toastmistress Club was held in Hawaii. The 1975 International Conference will be held in Toronto, Canada.

The Toastmasters will soon be holding a conference in Hawaii.

The Toastmistress Club meets twice a month at the Recreation Service Building while the Toastmaster Club meets every Thursday at 11:45 a.m. Ruth Lee, 561-2247, can supply further details on the Toastmistress Club while Jack Arndt, 561-5060, has complete information on the Toastmasters Club.

Clothing sales open Saturdays



An employee of the Clothing Sale Store, Bldg. 230, makes preparations for a Saturday opening. The store is now open for clothing issue from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday and for clothing sales 11:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The hours were changed so Reservists would be able to use the store during their weekend training periods. The store sells military uniforms and accessories at desirable prices and also performs alterations on uniforms purchased there.

Retirement without tears

by Jim Rodgers

To many soldiers, retirement is a 'tomorrow' thing, not worth worrying about until it is imminent. And that, say the experts, can be dangerous for retirement is not the end of the road but merely the turning of a corner to a new way of life.

Many people seem to hold the false and depressing idea that after a person retires, it's too late to grow intellectually, too late to acquire new insights and skills and too late to replan one's life. Retirement, however is but the beginning of an exciting and more rewarding life. The mature retired person wields immense power over his own destiny for he has the unique advantage of being able to replan his life in midstream. In addition, he has a vast fund of experience upon which to build, and a successful career already completed.

These facts should be put to use in making plans for retirement.

"Ideally, you should begin planning for retirement several years in advance if you want to begin a second career as opposed to just any job you can get," advises Arthur S. Flemming, a director of the Health, Education and Welfare Department.

A sudden, drastic reduction in income is one of the most brutal facts of life for the unprepared retiree. The soldier who retires after 20 years of service sees his income chopped by more than 50 per cent.

Several years may seem too long a planning period for many prospective retirees. Whatever the length of time chosen, preparation for retirement should begin early enough to avoid pitfalls that beset many retirees: financial insecurity, uncertainty about where to retire, and the post-retirement letdown that can make retirement agony instead of well-earned reward coupled with a promising new career. Sufficient planning can prevent many disheartening events from occurring.

A major step in the planning stage should be an honest evaluation of the financial situation you're going to face. This evaluation should be made in the light of recent and prospective changes in medical and other benefits long considered as standard by retirees.

A sudden, drastic reduction in income is one of the most brutal facts of life for an unprepared retiree. The soldier who retires after 20 years of service sees his income chopped by more than 50 per cent. A good portion of military pay includes non-taxable allowances like basic allowance for quarters, separate rations, and clothing allowance.

In today's economic climate, even a well-heeled person can watch inflation erode a once-healthy pension into a pittance. And today's taxes, as well as those on the future, can take the bloom off investments and other sources of additional income until it is difficult to get by.

Therefore, one of your first objectives should be to determine how much money you'll need in addition to your retirement pay. The vice-president of one of America's largest financial institutions advises figuring your needs and adding a little as a cushion against emergencies and unplanned needs.

The second step is planning where the money will come from, and this will call for realistic thinking. The person who hopes for a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow usually gets nothing more than a little expertise in rainbows.

With a little determination, a person who is still several years from retirement can walk out of the Army with at least \$10,000 in his pocket. The soldier's pay doesn't have to be astronomical and he doesn't need to work at a second job. Several NCO's, in pay grades E6 and E7, interviewed at the Presidio have already reached that amount and plan to greatly increase it before retirement, simply by saving it. "Wishing won't do it for you," SSG Kane said. "For years we wished we had more money saved and we watched our savings account swing back and forth between \$300 and zero. We finally realized we were going to need a lot more money and we sat down and worked out a plan to save it. My take-home pay is \$643 a month. We save \$200 a month."

"No, my wife doesn't work," Kane said. "She did for awhile and we finally realized that most of what she earned went to pay for the babysitter, clothing for her to wear to work, the upkeep of the car she drove and a lot of 'convenience foods' because she was too busy to do much real cooking."

"I'm not saying everyone can do this because it needs a commitment to making it work. If you haven't definitely decided you want to save 10, or 15 thousand by the time you retire, you won't do it."

Most of the men interviewed stated the first step in greatly reducing their expenses was to stop buying on credit. "Now, the money that used to go for the charge plates goes into long-term savings," one of them said. "It also puts a pretty effective end to impulse buying, another money hog."

(Budget advisors at financial institutions or Army Community Service can help soldiers work out a savings plan that will give them several thousands of dollars during the next few years.)

Work after retirement?

There are people whose careers have given life whatever meaning it has had for them and others who state they dislike their jobs and can't wait to retire. Some people are eager to start a new career and others claim they're just going to take a never-ending fishing trip.

But most retirees in all categories will choose to work; some because they want to remain actively involved and others because they need the money.

A retired sergeant major said, "Let's face it—I had to go to work to sustain the home and family. When you're drawing pay and allowances for all those years and suddenly you're getting a relatively small retirement check, you'd better plan on some type of gainful employment if you're going to make it. But I couldn't have retired completely anyway. After years of activity, you find you can't just loaf."

Major Creighton Clarke (USA, Ret.) said, "If a person wants to live in the hills by himself, he might be able to make it on his retired pay. But when you consider the fact

that part of your pay included non-taxable allowances, pay that you lose when you retire, you just aren't going to be able to cut it on retirement pay in most civilian communities and maintain your same standard of living."

Many other retirees and retirement counselors say the same, so plan on working. But at what?

What about a job?

There are usually two ways of planning for a post-retirement job. The first is if you want to retire in a specific location, regardless of what type of job you can get. The second is to let your second career determine where you will retire. In that case, the retirement location may have to take second place if your chose skill is not in demand in certain areas of the country.

If you believe you won't be happy anywhere other than Oshkosh, Michigan; Okefenokee, Georgia, or some other selected paradise, plan your campaign well. Obtain information concerning various job opportunities in that area. Talk with people in various professions, take entrance examinations including civil service examinations and seek interviews with various government agencies and firms. Prepare a good resume, listing your qualifications. The advantage of allowing as much lead-time as possible gives you more time to choose a job you like.

If you have your sights set on a specific career, however, your plan of operation will be a little different. Perhaps your military job or hobby will dictate what type of post-retirement career you will pursue, as it has for many others. A retired Army cook now owns three drive-in restaurants. A retired Master Sergeant whose hobby was woodworking now designs and constructs custom-built cabinets. A former electronics repairman now owns a successful appliance repair shop not far from the Presidio.

Or perhaps you've decided you really should have been a hospital technician, a chemist, a mechanic or any of a thousand other careers. Retirement is your opportunity to begin the second career of your choice, provided you begin preparing early enough. Careers for Retired Military, Bldg. T-116, 561-5090, is a good place to start planning for a new career.

The Occupational Outlook manual, available at the Education Center, lists hundreds of careers, their requirements, salaries, and the outlook for employment for each career forecast over the next several years. If you're undecided about a second career, this is another good place to start.

Training for the Career

You'll probably invest a lot of time and money into preparing for a second career so don't make it a hit-or-miss proposition. Select your training program as carefully as you select the career.

If you select a vocational school, there are a few things to be aware of. (See article on page 6).

Don't sell yourself short

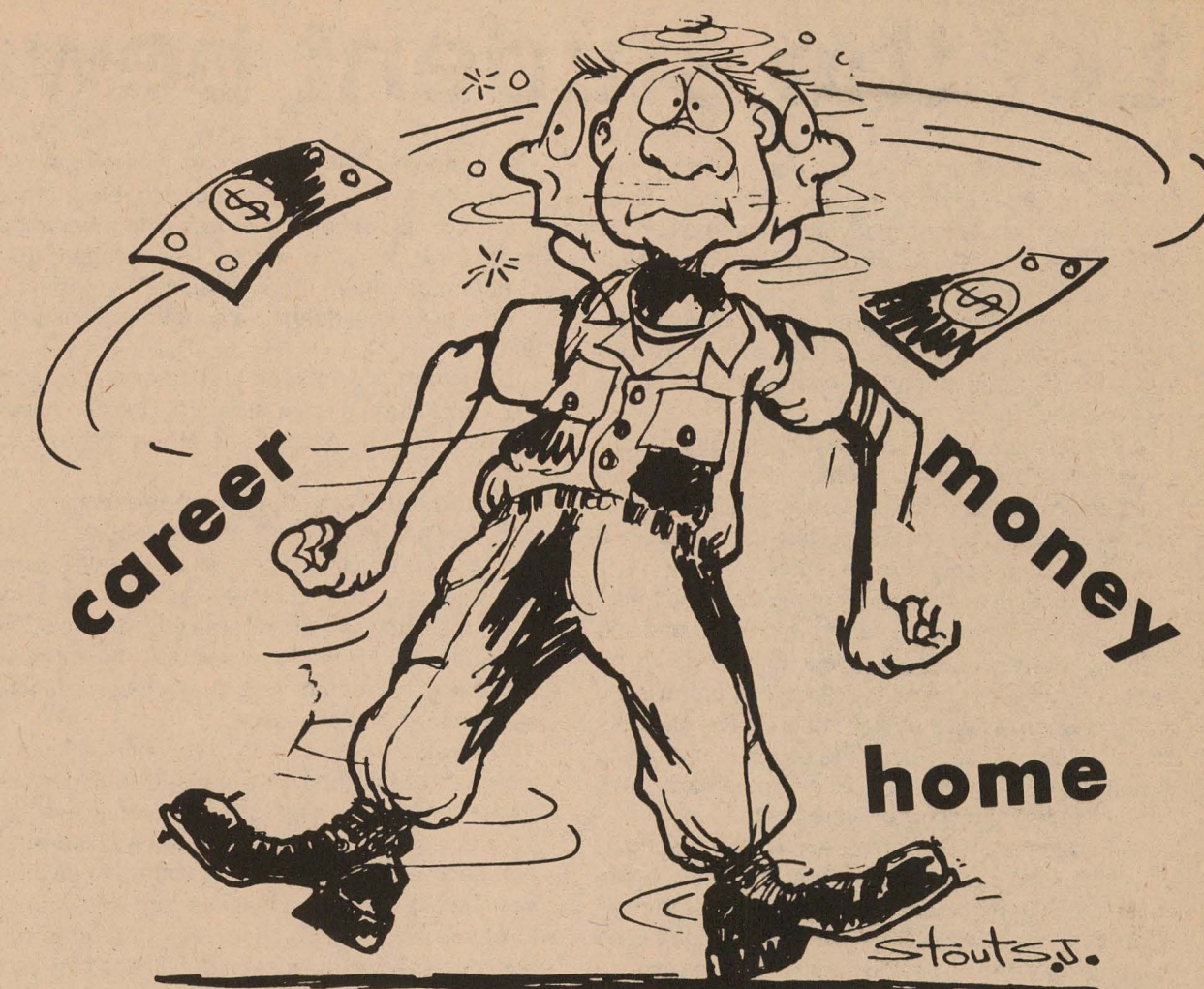
A retired colonel, now working as a personnel manager, said "Regardless of the field you choose to enter, don't sell yourself short. Many personnel managers know that a retired soldier who reaches the NCO or officer ranks has talent and drive that marks him as an up-and-coming man in any organization. Employers also consider another angle. A man who was stable and disciplined enough to take the rigors of military life for 20 or 30 years is an asset to any company."

a civil service job provided he does it within one year after retiring. Most retirees aren't aware of this program or many other similar programs that give them a definite advantage. We'll inform him of all of them."

"We'll systematically inform him of all the other benefits he's entitled to and how to get them. We provide a complete counseling service, concerning adjustment to civilian life and job hunting. The person who has spent 20 or 30 years in the military is going to find a completely different type of world than he's known in the purely military environment. There is a whole new philosophy of job hunting that the military man is unfamiliar with; there are techniques to successful job hunting. We inform prospective retirees about all of these things," Colonel Davis said.

"We'll also help write resumes or critique resumes, helping the retiree put his military experience into civilian terms that will appeal to employers. In some cases, a person may have to write job-hunting letters.

"We also maintain a job-referral file. We keep a record of the people who come to us, listing their qualifications and



What about the combat leader who has done only one thing during his career—lead troops?

"He has a lot more going for him than he realizes," the colonel said. "Being a leader means supervising people, managing them and a score of other attributes which a wise employer recognizes. I think we all have a tendency to sell ourselves short when we go job hunting and it's a tendency to avoid.

Try it out

It's a good idea to sample your planned post-retirement activity before the big day arrives. For example, people who think they would like to spend a couple of years touring American in a mobile home should devote a vacation or two to mobile home living. Or try to spend a little time working at your selected second career before you're deeply committed to it. Modifications may have to be made.

Our future

Most prospective retirees want more out of life than just security or freedom from worry. Fun and a never-ending sense of achievement play an important role in our lives. There are opportunities without number and people almost beyond reckoning pursue them all.

Change does not come overnight but it does come. And, as it was when we entered military service, it is up to us to anticipate the new day by working for it ahead of time. The trick is to keep one step ahead so that we can look forward to retirement as just another stride toward the realization of an optimistic plan for our future.

(Editor's note: The questions concerning retirement are legion. It would be presumptuous to believe that any one article or series of articles could adequately answer all questions. Therefore, the information contained in this issue of the Star Presidian is designed to serve merely as a starting point for those contemplating retirement.)

Careers For Retired Military offers retirement assistance

"Eighty-five to 90 per cent of prospective military retirees don't even have a clue of the benefits they're entitled to as retirees, of job opportunities designed especially for the military retiree, or of the vast number of ways they can build a good career after retirement," Colonel Charles W. Davis (U.S.A. Ret.), executive vice-president of Careers For Retired Military, Presidio, said this week.

"Very few people make proper preparations for retirement from the military. If you're not properly prepared, your chances of getting what you want are going to be greatly diminished.

"That's why we're here," the colonel said. "We're a non-profit organization, providing free service to the person who plans on retiring from the military."

Colonel Davis emphasized that prospective retirees should begin making retirement plans at least one year in advance. "At that time," he said, "they should visit our office in Bldg. T-119. We can help them to learn what benefits are available. For example, there's a Veterans Readjustment Program aimed at helping the retiree obtain

other information. When we receive information about a job opening, we check our file and notify the qualified person about the job," the colonel said.

Colonel Davis added that there are other retiree-oriented services at the Presidio, such as the retirement counseling sessions. Representatives from several pertinent agencies provide individual and small group counseling at these meetings. The agencies usually include representatives from agencies including: Veterans Administration, Social Security Administration, California Employment, Civil Service Commission and many others. Counselors provide information and publications concerning benefits available to retired service members and civilian job opportunities available to the retiree.

"We make certain they're aware of all of these programs," Davis said.

Davis stated that many retirees who don't make proper preparations end up taking a job far below their capabilities. "They lose money and they lose initiative and drive," he said.

Further details about Careers For Retired Military may be obtained by calling 561-5090, or visiting Bldg. T-116.

Let the student beware

The Federal Trade Commission recently announced a nationwide consumer education campaign to combat deceptive advertising and other unfair practices sometimes used in the booming vocational school business.

Commission officials say more than 3 million students are currently enrolled in more than 10,000 resident and correspondence vocational schools that are privately owned.

A. Herbert Rensing, FTC assistant director of consumer education, agrees vocational education can help people get better jobs and better pay. "But some vocational schools," he says, "are perpetrating a cruel hoax on prospective students."

"Most vocational schools students look upon their training as an avenue to a career with better pay and prestige. Many schools are able to follow through on this but some either explicitly or implicitly promise job success when in fact they don't deliver. The students of some schools may find at the end of their training that the money, time and effort expended have brought them no closer to the expected job."

"Unfortunately, some private vocational schools are using false and deceptive practices to lure students into schools where the education they receive is of little or no value for getting a good job. The students may end up paying hundreds of dollars for a completely worthless education."

"Veterans Administration benefits for vocational education amounted to \$381 million in 1972. Yet in a five-year period (1966-71) 75 per cent of all veterans receiving benefits for correspondence training failed to complete their courses," Rensing said.

Here are some deceptive practices students are warned to beware of:

* Schools offering courses of little value. Graduates may find they have no better chance for employment than people without expensive "training".

* Those offering courses in fields where jobs are scarce or unavailable.

* Schools offering courses where special requirements such as civil service examinations, licensing, apprenticeship or union memberships are necessary yet the course does not prepare the student to meet these requirements.

Here are some defensive counter-actions you can take:

* **Beware of:** Aptitude and other qualifying tests included in promotional literature. Don't be misled by claims that "You scored one of the highest scores ever!"

* **Find out:** Your educational strengths and weaknesses. The Education Center, telephone 561-4900, can help you do this. They will give you an aptitude test, interest test or achievement test free. The Aptitude test shows what skill area you may be successful in, the interest test shows where your interests lie and the achievement test shows your educational strengths and weaknesses.

* **Beware of:** Salesmen or schools willing to overlook handicaps that have caused problems in the past—such as a weight problem, poor eyesight or poor ability to communicate verbally. Find out from prospective employers or the state employment office if such problems could interfere with your ability to obtain a job. Also, check the state employment agency to see what types of handicaps may prevent licensing in certain fields.

* **Beware of:** Hints the school will find you a job or offer free lifetime placement.

* **Find out:** From former students what services are actually provided. Does the placement service simply give graduates a list of employers to contact? How soon did graduates begin working after completing training?

* **Beware of:** Claims the school places a high percentage of its graduates. Find out from the school what proof it has of such a claim; from employers whether they hire graduates from the school and how students found jobs after completing their training.

* **Find out:** From professional business coun-



selors, from the Better Business Bureau or Chamber of Commerce, union or trade groups whether such claims are likely to be true. Also inquire about the average pay school graduates receive.

* **Beware of:** Claims like "Department of Labor statistics show 70,000 new jobs will open for computer programmers each year until 1980...."

* **Find out:** From employers, employment agencies, counselors and other dependable sources whether there is a need for a particular skill. National statistics can be misleading. They may include openings at all levels—not just entrance levels—and they may include openings at locations where you wouldn't want to live and work.

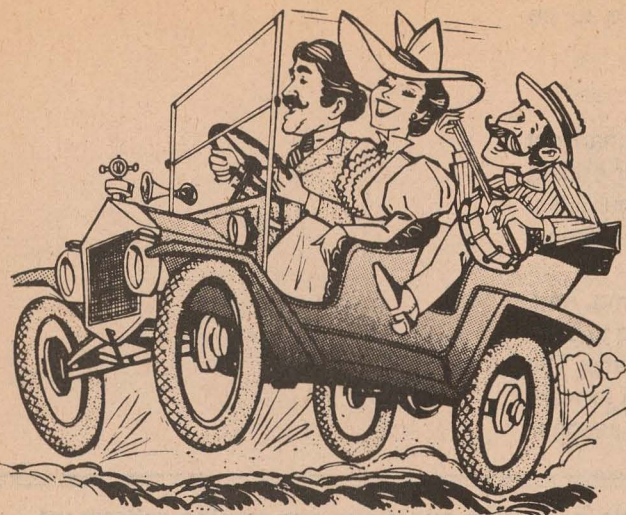
* **Beware of:** Use of "guarantee or money back" in connection with employment opportunities.

* **Find out:** From former and present students, labor, trade and business associations, Better Business Bureaus, or local Chamber of Commerce if students are getting jobs in localities where they want to work. Many employers require new employees to complete company training courses regardless of the fact that they graduated from a vocational school.

There are other pitfalls to be avoided when laying cash on the line for enrollment in resident or correspondence schools. It's advisable that you check with the Education Center and the Staff Judge Advocate's Office before you sign a contract with any school that you're not absolutely certain of.

There are many good vocational schools and they make a vital contribution to the educational and economic fabric of our country. Unfortunately, however, there are those schools which render only one service—separating you from your money.

CAR POOL



Pat Puckett. Waterville and Silver Ave., San Francisco to Presidio (Bldg. 87). Needs a ride. Telephone: 3988 or 2826.

M/Sgt Larry Blanc, Rohnert Park, telephone (duty) 3922. Destination: LAMC, day shift, Monday through Friday. Will drive and share in driving.

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd, Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518 (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing car pool.

SP5 Eugenia L. Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland, telephone (duty) 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Rosie Howard, Grove and Stuart Streets, Berkeley to LAMC (Bldg. 651). Telephone: 561-5631 (work) or 845-5071 (home). Wants a ride. Will share expenses.

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SPORTS

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ing the United States in the CISM cross country meet and says Algeria seems to be making the right moves for a bid.

They quickly picked up an opportunity to hold the CISM meet and will also host another international competition, the Mediterranean Games. A huge sports complex, complete with stadium and swimming facilities, now graces their countryside which is comparable to Marin in terrain and climate.

According to George, there should be no lack of interest from the local people. About 3,000 turned out for the CISM meet which was open by invitation only.

By the way, George topped all the Americans in the meet, finishing tenth overall in the 12 kilometer run.

Youth Baseball Opens

It was a great opening weekend for Presidio's Cal-Pal and CYO baseball teams. The youngsters swept four of five games.

Saturday, the Cal-Pal 15 year-olds showed why they are defending city champions as they downed Treasure Island 28-3 in three innings. The 13 year-olds made their debut in the league's Rookie Division by rounding up the Chinese Bandits 15-7.

In CYO competition Sunday, the 6th grader's topped St. Paul's 13-0, the 5th graders lost to N.V.D. 12-6 and the 4th graders edged St. Phillips 5-4.

Ed Morrissey who is handling the two programs for the Presidio this year has reshuffled his younger charges in the Cal-Pal. The 13 year-olds will play in the beginning Rookie Division while the 14 year-olds open play this weekend in the intermediate Southern Division.

Ed hopes the move will avert the disappointments of last year when the two teams failed to make the grade in the league's tougher circuits.

MEANWHILE, work goes on trying to get Pop Hicks Field in shape for the CYO teams. Seems that heavy rains combined with the fact the field was built atop a garbage dump have slowed the process.

Both Pop Hicks and Paul Goode were reseeded last year, but poor drainage has hampered tilling of the base paths and rebuilding the pitcher's mound.

A roto-tiller and a one-ton roller are usually the tools for the job. However, under wet enough conditions the tiller would make mud pies while the roller could disappear entirely.

CYO officials hope the field will be completed this week so the Presidio teams can play at home.

If the Presidio shows enough interest, it could have a team in the Bay Area's Joe Dimaggio League for the first time in three years.

Participation in the high caliber 16-18 year-old league slumped here a few years ago even though the post won the city championship.

Now post baseball organizers are hoping to get things started again. But they need a feel for the interest here within the next couple of weeks. Interested coaches and players can offer their services by calling Ed Morrissey at work (3756) or at home (2806).

BOOKS: "Babe Ruth and the American Dream" by Ken Sobol. Remember William Bendix tagging all the bases in the Hollywood version of the Babe Ruth Story? There was the Babe: gladly visiting kids, getting sick from eating too many hot dogs and arriving late for a game because he took an injured dog to the hospital.

Well, don't look for any of that sentimentalism here. Sobol treats the Bambino in no compromising terms. He traces the Yankee outfielder's career from St. Mary's Industrial School (which he describes as a medium security prison) to his death of throat cancer in 1947.

Along the way he reveals aspects of Ruth's life which many must have suspected but few wanted to know. Ruth's sickness during the 1925 season was from venereal disease not hot dogs. Many of his visits to hospitals were the work of a shrewd PR man, and Ruth himself had barely enough intelligence to discuss his three favorite topics: cards, women and baseball.

While slamming the legend unmercifully in the early parts of the book, Sobol makes it obvious why no one stepped forward to give Ruth a managing job when his playing days ended. But Sobol's tone turns more conciliatory after the beaten man leaves the game and at no time does he ever attempt to minimize the Babe's incredible abilities at the plate.

All in all, while Ruth the legend falls, Ruth the baseball player stands, making it a little easier to measure him against our athletes of today.



Army track coach Ralph Higgins (left) views a videotape replay of a work out at the College of Marin with Presidio discus thrower Mike Louisiana (center) and College of Marin track coach Tony Bailey.

Army track team opens camp here with small but optimistic field

The Army track and field team, looking for its ninth straight inter-service title, opened training here last week with one of its smallest camps ever.

Only 14 athletes are working out in preparation for the inter-service meet which the Presidio will host in the first week of June.

Another ten men could join the team in mid-May from Army track and field trials being held at Ft. Meade, Md. for soldiers stationed in the East. One other track star is also on orders for the team.

"There aren't very many who qualified this year," said Army track coach Ralph Higgins, referring to the standards the athletes must meet to even be considered for the team.

In fact, the number of top track men in the Army has declined each year since the end of the draft. In 1968, the Army team had four sub four-minute milers, sprint star Mel Pender and sent six men to the Olympics. It sent six more the following Olympic year.

But when the draft ended in 1973, so did the plethora of top athletes looking to continue their track careers in the Army. "The qualifying standards are much lower now than when I came in 1968," said Higgins. "Only six or seven men from this year's team could have made it back then."

But a few top athletes continue to hone their skills in the Army and this year's team has several athletes looking ahead to the National AAU meet at the end of June and beyond that to the Pan American Games.

"I think the team this year has a lot of quality rather than quantity," says team member Mike Louisiana, an all-American discus thrower from Brigham Young University and a member of the Presidio's 504th MP Battalion.

Last year's squad had 39 men on its roster. This year's team has only the 14 at the Presidio and a few shoo-ins from the Ft. Meade trials, but several all-Americans.

Additionally, some team members feel they can concentrate better and receive better treatment as members of a smaller group. Where last year they often had to find their own way to meets because of the size of the team, they can now travel together and stay at motels near the meet.

Also there is no worry about whether or not they will make the team. All concentration therefore, is aimed at perfecting the basics.

With 10 men returning from last year's team and the addition of three top long and triple jumpers, Army's chances of taking another crown seem excellent. "If everyone is up to form, I think we can sweep the meet," said the Presidio's George Stewart who will run short distances for Army.

Three of the returnees, Bill Diehl (hammer), Tom Hill (hurdles) and Louis Wilson (sprints), took firsts at the inter-service meet in Sacramento last year. An additional boost will come from triple jumpers Tom Haynes, Barry McClure and Rayfield Dupree.

Two of those men just missed better than 55-foot jumps on fouls during a practice meet at San Jose last Saturday. (The inter-service record is 52' 7³/₄".) Haynes, from Middle Tennessee State, was the 1974 NCAA indoor champion.

Wayne Hicks, a pole vaulter (16'5") and a 7,000-point decathlon man from Alabama, is on orders for the team after he completes a training course at Ft. Benning, Ga. However, there is some doubt about whether he will be in top competitive shape after his training.

Army's toughest competition is expected to come from the Marines who are reportedly waging a high power campaign to bring top athletes into their ranks. Last year, the Leathernecks nearly upset Army, missing the title by only three points.

By John Chambers

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL (April 15)

Presidio League	Won	Lost	Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
LAIR*	12	0	Western Recruiting*	10	2
Med Lab*	11	3	Sixth Army Band*	9	3
Letterman	7	7	District Engineers**	9	3
HHD 504th MP Battalion	5	5	525th MI Group	6	4
Support Element	5	7	16th Base Post Office	4	6
Oakland Army Base	3	9	51st Engineers	0	12
402nd MP Company	3	9	864th Engineers	0	12
170th MP Company	2	8			

* clinched playoff spot
** not eligible for playoffs

Presidio League (final)	Won	Lost
Support Element No. 1	74 ¹ / ₂	33 ¹ / ₂
LAIR	70	38
170th MP Company	68 ¹ / ₂	39 ¹ / ₂
Garrison	68	40
525th MI Group	62 ¹ / ₂	45 ¹ / ₂
Armed Forces Police	56	52
402nd MP Company	52	56
Harbor Craft	45 ¹ / ₂	62 ¹ / ₂
Western Recruiting	42	66

Ft. Scott League*	Won	Lost
Letterman	88	16
Med Lab	76	28
864th Engineers	74	30
Support Element No. 2	71	33
Milpac 6	53	51
163rd MP Detachment	48	56
402nd MP Company	42	62
16th Base Post Office	21	83
Armed Forces Police	15	89

* one more week to play

INTRAMURAL BOWLING (April 15)

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Sports

Volleyball Playoffs Next Week

This year's intramural volleyball playoffs will hopefully get underway next week after being delayed by "Operation Babylift."

About 10 games were postponed because of unit commitments to the orphan project. Originally scheduled for this week, the Sports Department now plans to start tournament play Tuesday, April 22.

But even that is not a sure thing. The teams are so even this year that several teams may be in contention for playoff spots right down to the wire.

Most notable among those is the HHD 504th MP Battalion which at press time stands a mathematical chance of tying Letterman in the Presidio League. That would cause another delay as the two teams played off Tuesday. The Sports Department has even scheduled an unusual Saturday game to speed regular season play.

Barring any ties, the double elimination tournament will begin Monday or Tuesday with a drawing to match the top three teams from each league for the first round of play.

Undefeated LAIR and defending champ Med Lab have already clinched spots in the Presidio League while the Sixth Army Band and Western Recruiting have done the same in the Ft. Scott circuit.

At the end of the tournament (probably in three or four days), two Sports Department people will choose an all star team to defend the Presidio's crown in the FORSCOM tournament at Ft. Carson, Colo.

Intramural softball will follow the volleyball season, starting around May 5.

Presidio rallied for 10 runs in the sixth inning to win their second city league softball game from the Foggy Bottom 21-14 Tuesday.

Presidio had fallen behind 14-11 in the fifth after blowing an early 10-run lead.

Marc Blunt led the winners with four hits in four times at bat.

Support Element No. 1 took first place in the Presidio Division of the intramural bowling league. LAIR finished second.

Letterman has already clinched first place in the Ft. Scott Division with one week remaining in their season. Med Lab and the 864th Engineers will battle it out for second after the FORSCOM tourney finishes this week.

Harbor Craft's John Riffey was named the league's most improved bowler and will receive an award from the American Bowling Congress. He improved his average 11 pins during the season.

Olympics Where?

Alger, Algeria could be the sight of the 1984 Olympics. That's the report from the Presidio's man-on-the-scene George Stewart.

Stewart was over there early this month represent-

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Presidio ladies take a 2nd and 3rd in early FORSCOM bowling

The ladies salvaged what could have been a dismal showing by the Presidio in the first half of the FORSCOM Bowling Tournament here at the Presidio Bowling Center this week.

With two of the tourney's three events completed, the Presidio women have taken a second and a third while the men have managed no better than eighth in any competition.

Dolores Diener and Karen Johnson took second place in the doubles competition, finishing with 2001, less than 50 pins behind the winning Ft. Sam Houston tandem.

Earlier, the Presidio placed four women among the top ten single bowlers. Joyce Pennington placed third with 1013 pins. Heidi Pagenkoff of Ft. Sam Houston was the winner with 1028.

"I'm bowling way over my head," said Pennington, but she wasn't complaining.

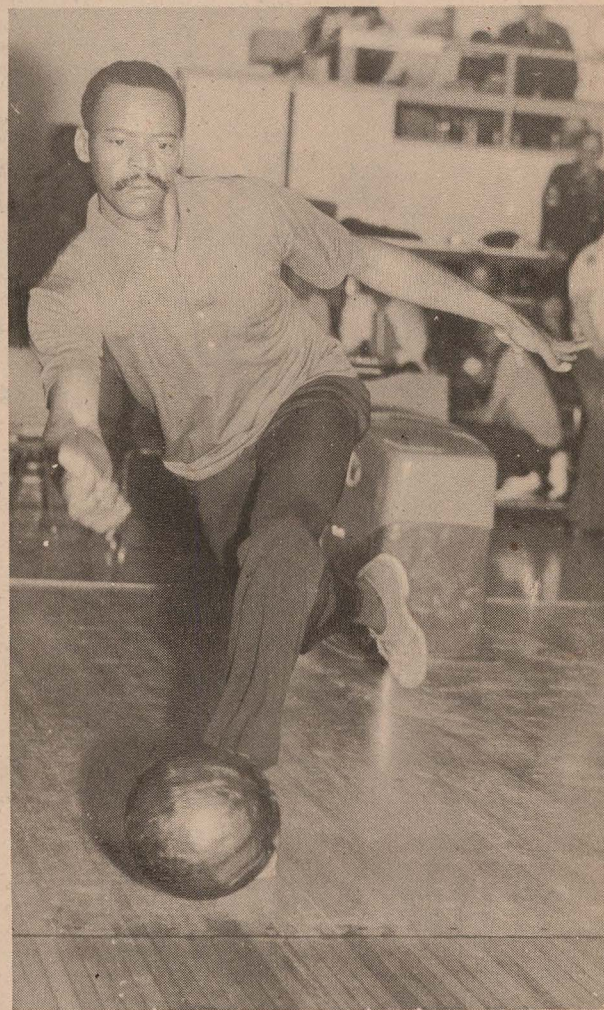
In the lady's "all events" competition, Karen Johnson was holding second at the halfway mark, 100 pins behind Pagenkoff.

The men have not fared as well. Pete Taoy was the Presidio's top singles bowler, placing ninth in a 31-man field. High singles man was James Coleman of Ft. Carson, Colo. who rolled a 1260.

Presidio finished eighth in doubles and their closest contender in the male "all events" competition was seated 18th Wednesday. Team standings showed the Presidio men holding on to fifth place after bowling the first three of nine lines, and Ft. Carson in the lead.

Hawaii suffered a major setback when its top bowler Richard Anderson had to drop out of the tournament with an infected thumb. Anderson and his partner, Peter Hoffman, had swept the doubles competition the previous day. He was leading the "all events" competition when the injury forced him out of the tourney before the start of team play.

Most bowlers were pleased with the conditions of the Presidio lanes and the competition in general. However, some of the men complained about alternate bowling with the women, saying they would rather bowl an event all at once rather than coming back in the afternoon to finish it.



James Coleman of Ft. Carson. Top FORSCOM singles bowler.

"It makes your muscles stiffen up," said Archie Murphy of Ft. Carson. "That's why the scores are so low."

The men and women were scheduled in alternating shifts to give bowlers the same lane conditions, with everyone having equal opportunity to use the lanes right after they have been resurfaced.

The tournament is scheduled to conclude today (Friday).

a Korean sport for fun and defense

By Jerome Reitenbach

In these days when violence and intimidation seem to plague our society, many people are searching for ways to defend themselves. One such method is the martial art Taekwon-do.

Familiar to many servicemen who have spent time in the Far East, Taekwon-do is a form of unarmed combat that has been practiced in the Orient for many centuries.

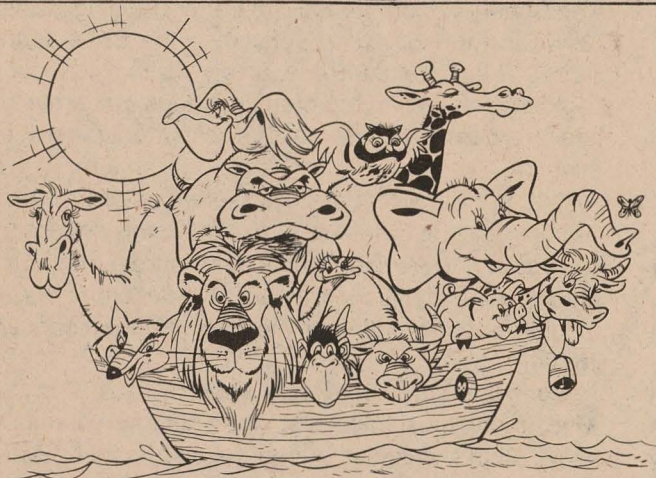
Its present form was perfected in Korea. Translated from Korean, "tae" means to lunge, kick or smash with the foot. "Kwon" denotes a first; chiefly to punch or destroy with the hand or fist.

"Do" means art, way or method.

Taken together, "Taekwon-do" is an art using the hands and feet. This ancient form of unarmed combat involves the skilled application of punches, flying kicks, blocks, dodges and interceptions with the hands, arms and feet.

Hours of training are necessary to master Taekwon-do. Speedy reactions are the result of regular workouts.

Even when Takwon-do is practiced for the sake of exercise alone, the enjoyment derived justifies the time spent. As an exercise, it is equally suitable for both young and old.



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Spring Hunter Trials scheduled at Barry

The Presidio Riding Club's Annual Spring Hunter Trials will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 11 at the Fort Barry Rifle Range. The trials will be judged by Mrs. Foss, Master of Foxhounds of the Los Altos Hunt, Woodside, California.

The purpose of the event is to stimulate interest in the training, use, and exhibition of the horse as a working hunter (riding to hounds) as well as to create interest in horse activities and provide entertainment for riders and spectators.

In hunter trials, only the performance of the horse is judged based on an even hunting pace, manners, jumping style, soundness and way of moving. The trials will include events for junior riders as well as for green and regular horses. The public is cordially invited to attend; admission is free. Those desiring more information should call 472-4467.

Scholarship Application

The Presidio Enlisted Wives Club is proud to announce the two scholarships which will be awarded to students of the Presidio area. Applicants must be a 1975 graduate of a bay area High School, must be a dependent of active duty, retired or deceased military personnel.

Applications which are available at the post Library should be returned to: Presidio Enlisted Men Wives Club, P.O. Box 9090, Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129.

FORSCOM Commander congratulates Presidio command

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TO CDR Presidio of San Francisco, CA

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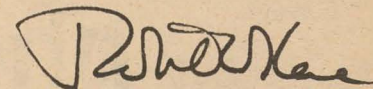
Congratulations to you and the members of your command for the fine job you have done to relocate the orphans of Vietnam. Operation Babylift required rapid planning, mobilization of resources, coordination, and implementation — Presidio of San Francisco met these challenges. Please pass to the members of your command my thanks for their fine representation of Forces Command and the U. S. Army.

To the volunteers who worked with the Vietnamese orphans

For the past three weeks, many members of the Presidio family and the surrounding community have donated their time and services to assist with the Vietnamese orphans. I am sure something of them will remain in the hearts of those hundreds of you who continue to help with them.

Regardless of debate on whether or not the airlift should have been, the fact is that the City and Presidio of San Francisco found almost a thousand children on our collective doorstep and these children had to be cared for. Many were sick, and all needed medical attention.

To provide this care, volunteers were needed, and you have responded magnificently. I want to personally thank and commend those hundreds of volunteers — doctors, nurses, and concerned people — who gave of themselves. Without your help, the children would not have received the personalized, truly loving care they had; many might even have died. You can be proud of your contribution, and of the fact that through your selfless efforts a humanitarian act unique in the history of the world continues to be accomplished.



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Fraud in land investments, fake schools, phoney advertising, pressure in auto sales, expensive resume services and violations of truth in lending, packaging and labeling will be discussed during a consumer protection program at the Post Theater, 10 - 11:30 a.m., May 2.

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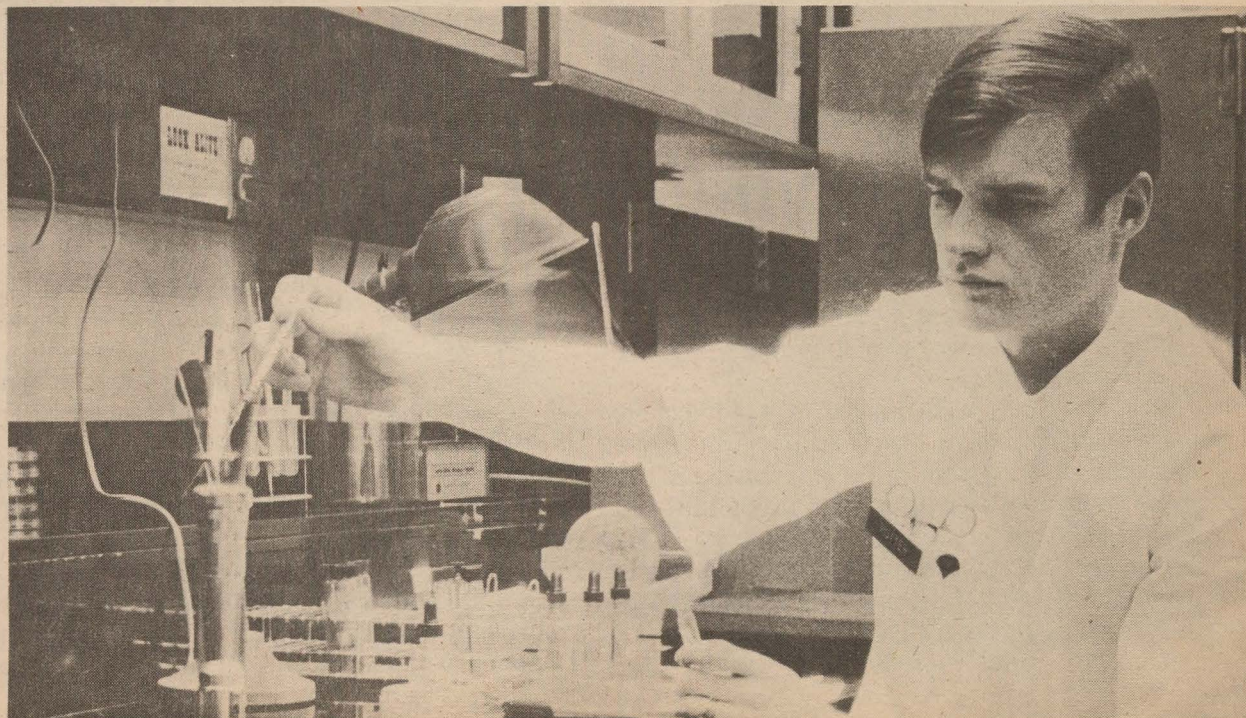
member of the Federal Trade Commission, the program is designed to inform members of the Presidio community about their rights as consumers. Problems which will be discussed are those which senior NCOs and commanders must often deal with in counseling their subordinates. The topics are also designed to provide valuable information to all members of the community.

Potter selected as Soldier of Month

Animal diseases play a major role in the job of April's Soldier of the Month. Sp4 James A. Potter is a microbiology specialist assigned to the Department of Pathology and Comparative Studies, Letterman Army Institute of Research, and his job is making microbe studies of sick animals that could jeopardize the health of people. The 21-year-old native of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin has run disease tests from the blood and tissue of many kinds of animals, from local pets to zoo creatures. And he says he loves every minute of it.

When the Army specialist locks up his lab office in the new section of Letterman Hospital, he enjoys almost every sport this post has to offer, including basketball, volleyball, football, softball, and bowling. With that busy schedule he even finds time to coach a San Francisco little league team.

As Soldier of the Month, Potter received from LAIR a \$50 savings bond, a three day pass and exemption from roster duty for 30 days. He also received from Post another three day pass, a wrist watch and a Letter of Commendation.





Members of the Presidio community may obtain a 50 per cent reduction in price for tickets to the "Tournament of Knights," which will be held at the Cow Palace, April 29 May 3. Discounts may be obtained by contacting Pete Shallish, Ticket Information Service, Recreation Center, 561-5480.

The tournament, which will come direct from London, England, will feature jousting, broadsword fighting, dueling and other ancient English martial arts. The tournament, which claims an 80 per cent accident rate, is billed as one of the "most active, colorful and spine-tingling" sports events of the season. Any spectator who thinks he can unseat a knight will be given an opportunity to try.

Deadline near for photo contest

The deadline for submission of entries for the Interservice Photography Contest is April 30, according to an announcement made last Friday by members of the Post Craft Shop. Judging will take place at the Post Recreation Center, 2:30 p.m., May 4. Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each of the categories.

All-Army photo judging will be conducted in October at a yet undetermined site. Winning All-Army photo and film entries will be submitted to the 16th Interservice Photography Contest to be held in December. Entries must be original photographs taken during the two-year period beginning July 31, 1973.

Conducted every two years, the contest enables both amateur and experienced military photographers an opportunity to compete on a worldwide basis and to have their skills appraised by prominent judges in the photographic fields.

Cash awards for place winners and merchandise prizes for honorable mentions will accrue at each level in the competitions.

Entries will be divided into four categories: monochrome prints; color prints; color transparencies and cinematography.

Entries in the first three groups may be submitted in the following categories: **Category A** — General photography: portraits of people or animals,

still life studies, action or close-ups. **Category B** — Picture story: a planned sequence or series of photos, not less than four or more than seven, dealing primarily with pictorial and significant subjects. Entries submitted in this category can express the documentation of an idea, a study of ecology, military life or a humorous subject. **Category C** — Scenic: landscapes, seascapes, architectural and industrial scenes, or any scene that has a fundamental unit of design or mood of such magnitude that all else is subordinate to it. **Category D** — experimental: photographs produced through experimentation, by angle and exposure of camera, magnification, distortion, control of light source, or unusual printing and developing techniques. Entries may include patterns, abstractions and photograms.

Cinematography (the art of film-making in fictionalized story form or true documentary) may include those works produced by an individual or group. Film can be 8 mm or Super 8 mm with a maximum unedited and unspliced footage of 50 feet — with and without sound. All production editing must be done in the filming, while sound may be on film or tape.

Judging will be based on impact, freshness of approach, ability to communicate and technical skill.

Further details may be obtained from the Photo Craft Shop, 561-4497.

Army panel to study employment of women

Secretary of the Army Howard H. Callaway today gave instructions to a 12-member task force named to study employment of the Army's 100,000 civilian women employees.

Callaway charged the group to take prompt and positive action to develop plans to correct work force imbalances affecting women. He re-emphasized his policy of equity for women in all types of jobs and at all grade levels.

The task force is chaired by Ms. Mary Ellen Harvey, a U.S. Army Materiel Command employee. She is assisted by six full-time and five consultant members.

Ms. Harvey said the group would develop plans to assure equality of opportunity for women in career development and advancement.

"Army-wide acceptance of women and men on an equal and competitive basis is our long range objective," she said. "Our efforts will address the areas of recruitment, training, attitudes and patterns of personnel practices affecting civilian women employees."

The task force will examine also the impact of career development on the merit system; assign responsibility and accountability for achieving equal opportunity programs; and set timetables and goals for improvements.

News in Brief

Want publicity?

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Police Administration course offered

A three semester hour course on police administration will be offered by City College of San Francisco at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216, Fort Scott. This course will be held May 5-16, and will be repeated June 16-27.

Class hours are from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. There will be no tuition for California residents. Military personnel and their dependents who have been in California less than one year will have tuition waived. For all others the cost will be \$102. Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify.

Call or visit the Voc-Tech Department, Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216, ext. 4445/4900 for more information.

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Enlisted Wives Club

The Presidio of San Francisco Enlisted Wives Club will hold its monthly business meeting, Monday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the PSF Religious Center. Membership is open to all enlisted wives of the Presidio. For further information please call Mrs. Sue Wilson, 561-2347.

The Club will hold a bake sale Tuesday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m. at Letterman Medical Center. The sale will be located on the first floor in the vicinity of the Post Exchange.

For further information call Mrs. Alice Lindsay at 387-4020.

Auto maintenance class offered

An intermediate auto maintenance class is being offered by the Army Education Center. The class consists of work sessions at the Auto Craft Shop, Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m., and lectures with films, Mondays, 7 - 9 p.m.

The class is open to all soldiers and to dependents and civilians over 18 years of age if space is available. All enrollees, however, should have a knowledge of basic tune-up and general auto maintenance. To enroll, call VOC-TECH, Army Education Center, 561-3189/2974.

Teen Club changes hours

The Teen Club has changed its hours. The club is now open Tuesday through Thursday from 4 - 10 p.m., Friday, 4 to 11 p.m., Saturday 2 to 11 p.m., Sunday 2 to 10 p.m. and Monday, closed.

Several errors occurred in a recent article in which the alcohol and drug abuse program was discussed. ADAP Counseling Service is now located in Building 276, near the commissary snack bar. Half Way House, Interim House and Hot Line are no longer in existence.

Lt. Gen. Elvy B. Roberts to retire

Farewell Letter

I leave Sixth Army and the Presidio with a profound sense of gratitude to the men and women who have given their best to accomplish our mission. The loyalty, dedication and standout professionalism which have marked your performance of duty are unmatched in my experience, and this enthusiasm and willing spirit has carried over to every action, large or small, which has moved this command forward to ever greater success. The cooperation and hard work which lie at the heart of the Total Force policy have been given life by every soldier, whatever the component, who has worked to hone the fine edge of the Army's readiness.

I am confident that you are prepared for the grave challenges which lie ahead, and that you will meet them with the same outstanding results which illuminate the Army's splendid history. My warmest regards and best wishes to each of you. It has been a privilege to serve with you.

E. B. Roberts

E. B. ROBERTS
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding



General E. Roberts

Sixth Army PAO—The Department of Defense announced recently that Lieutenant General Edward M. Flanagan, Jr., will succeed Lt. Gen. Elvy B. Roberts as commander of the Sixth United States Army, with headquarters at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Lt. Gen. Roberts will retire with full military honors on April 30, 1975, in ceremonies to be held at 3:30 p.m. on the Pershing Square Parade Field at the Presidio. The ceremonies will include an honor guard and a color guard furnished by the 504th Military Police Battalion from the Presidio, a 15-gun sa-

lute fired by the 504th, and military music by the Sixth Army Band.

Lt. Gen. Roberts assumed command of Sixth Army on August 3, 1973. He has served in the Army since January 1943, when he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from West Point.

Lt. Gen. Roberts' assignments include tours of duty in Europe during World War II, Iran, Vietnam, and Austria. His military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC), Silver Star with OLC, the Distinguished Flying

Cross, the Legion of Merit with OLC, the Bronze Star with three OLCs, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge with Star.

After his retirement, Lt. Gen. Roberts and his wife, the former Drucilla Wilson, will reside in the San Francisco area where he will serve as a consultant for a local insurance company.

Lt. Gen. Flanagan is currently Deputy Commanding General of the Eighth US Army in Korea. Gen. Flanagan's prior assignments include Comptroller of the Army, from January 1973 to July 1974, and Commanding General of Ft. Riley, KS, from January 1971 to December 1972.

Creations Unlimited presents demonstrations

Creations Unlimited, the Presidio's new boutique, gift-shop and art gallery, will present demonstrations by artists in the different art and craft medias.

Friday, May 2, Mrs. Lynn Fitzwater will present a demonstration in frame loom weaving from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in building 911. Mrs. Fitzwater studied weaving and textile design at the DeYoung Museum Art School in San Francisco. Her woven pillows and wall hangings feature earth tones and natural fibers.

Friday, May 9, from 12 noon to 2 p.m., Mrs. Gale Waibel will demonstrate the various approaches to macrame, including macrame sculptural jewelry. Mrs. Waibel has been creating macrame items for five years. Her beautiful necklaces are featured in a display at Creations Unlimited.

Creations Unlimited is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays, Fridays, and the first Saturday in each month. The shop is open Saturday, May 3. A wide selection is available in jewelry, gifts for the home, paintings and other items. Call 561-4351 if you have questions or if you would like to exhibit your original art or craft work. Follow the signs on Mason past Crissy Field to the corner of Mauldin and McDonald, the location of Creations Unlimited.



A visit to the past

Members of the Army Reserve, 91st Division Bicentennial Color Guard, practice drill and ceremonies of bygone days at Hamilton AFB in preparation for the Army's 200th Birthday celebration to be conducted at the Presidio June 14. The Army Bicentennial will be among the first major national commemorative events of the American Revolution Bicentennial celebration.

Law Day USA—1975

May 1 will mark the 18th annual nationwide observance of LAW DAY USA and the beginning of our nation's Bicentennial Celebrations. At no time in our history has there been a greater opportunity for explaining the role of law, the legal process and our heritage under law than with the dual observances of Law Day and the Bicentennial.

This nationwide event is not a "Lawyers' Day," but rather an occasion for honoring the place of law in our lives, for learning how the law and our legal system operates, and for examining how the law can better serve the people and nation.

This special event is a time for reminding all citizens of the United States of the rights they hold under the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights which are protected by law and the courts.

Law Day is when all people are asked to consider their individual duties as responsible citizens. All members of the Presidio Community are urged: (1) To be informed on issues of government and community affairs. (2) To support and encourage efforts to update and modernize our courts. (3) To vote in elections. (4) To obey, respect and uphold the law. (5) To support those institutions and persons charged with law enforcement. (6) To respect the rights of others. (7) To practice and teach the principles of good citizenship in their homes, and (8) to serve on juries and as a court witness if called.

The purpose of Law Day observance is to dramatize the values of living under a system of law and independent courts that protect individual rights and make a possible free society. The theme selected in recognition of Law Day '75 is particularly appropriate in our community: America's Goal — JUSTICE THROUGH LAW.

Robert V. Kane
Colonel, ADA
Commanding

ANZAC Day Memorial Sunday

An open air memorial service at the Presidio National Cemetery Cenotaph on Sunday, April 27, will be held to commemorate Anzac Day. ANZAC is an acronym for the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, which conducted a pre-dawn landing at Gallipoli in the Turkish Peninsula on April 25, 1915, but the day is observed in both countries as a national memorial day for the fallen of all wars. Dawn services and solemn procession will be held throughout Australia and New Zealand.

The inter-denominational San Francisco service, to be conducted by Chaplains (Col.) Mitchell C. Johnson and Cpt. James P. Fox of the Presidio of San Francisco, will begin at 2:45 p.m. The Sixth Army Band will give a short recital and participate in the procession and presentation of the colors, before the service.

The address will be given by the Consul-General for Australia, Mr. J. D. McCredie, and the lesson will be read by the New Zealand Consul-General, Mr. S. Maxwell Hope. The President of the Southern Cross Chapter of the British American Club, Lt. Colonel Dan De Young (USA-ret.), will tender the welcome and introduce the speaker. The dedication will be read by Lt. Lang F. Manning (RNVR ret.).

Members of the armed services from Australia and New Zealand now in the Bay Area will attend the ceremony.

The service will be followed by a no-host reception at the Presidio Officers' Open Mess. All Australians and New Zealanders in the Bay Area, their friends and associates, are invited to attend both the service and the reception. The recommended access to the Presidio is through the Lombard Street gate.

Law Day?



During the past decade the Americans vision of America seemed to deteriorate from a portrait to a nightmare. The national spirit appeared to degenerate through stages of disillusionment, outrage and apathy until citizens no longer cheered with optimism but chanted with despair.

Through this popular mood of pessimism, many Americans may view the passing of Law Day, May 1, with a cynical eye. They may see the event as an endorsement of the status quo in the legal system; as a heyday for public relations men of the bar associations; or maybe even as a national tactic to counter the Soviet celebration of May Day.

There's more to be learned about our country and ourselves from the people's reaction to Law Day than from the reams of literature extolling the annual event. The prevalent odor of sour cynicism surrounding many of our established traditions kindles questions about the metamorphosis of our national image.

When did the blue-clad policeman helping children across the street become a sadistic, blood-thirsty pig? When did the most advanced and equitable system of justice in the world become a sluggish circus which coddles criminals and mistreats minorities? When did the zenith of political evolution become the misused manipulative tool of the rich and influential? And when did those amber waves of grain and purple mountains majesty become smoldering slums and gutted ghettos?

Or did they?

To find the answer to these disquieting questions one must look beyond the realm of reality and examine instead the fickle mass mind of America, for as the national mood oscillates between optimism and pessimism, it becomes more and more apparent that society's view of itself is something less than accurate.

During the fabulous Fifties, our national image gleamed with an unbelievable perfection and most of the nation believed it. We saw ourselves as the guardians of the world, attempting to safeguard all that was good.

This national narcissism was reflected in every artery of government and many people felt that, where the flag flew, there could be no wrong. For a short, unfortunate time even criticism of government was considered un-American.

The magnificence of the Roman Empire, the wisdom of the Greek city-states and the goodness of Christian democracy combined to make the popular

Americanism of the fifties. In a free and open society this national fantasy could not and did not last, for lurking behind the facade of the shining illusion was poverty, racism, injustice, decadence and crime.

As the country swung into the Soaring Sixties, these problems exploded, via television, into the living rooms of Mr. and Mrs. Middle-class America, shattering their vision of national perfection and dulling the tint of their rose-colored glasses.

The problems had always been there, but were invisible, unimposingly buried on the other side of town.

The events of the decade made the nation aware of poverty, pollution, promiscuity, pornography and prisons; of racial segregation, hatred and discrimination; of drug abuse, citizen unrest; and of the imperfections of democracy, the drawbacks of the court system and the shortcomings of the federal bureaucracy.

With the increasing awareness of these problems, the national ego was painfully bruised. The fabulousness of the fifties had become the cynicism of the seventies. The nation's disillusionment grew when it was discovered that our government leaders were not automatically issued halos and seated at the right hand of God.

The young clamored for radical reform and the old called for a return to the law and order of the past. Some called for a return to more power, others for less.

But are these attitudes and solutions any more realistic than our national image during the fifties?

Destroying the past will not solve the problems of the future, nor will returning to the ways of yesterday make a better tomorrow. A large and complex country has large and complex problems — problems that must be faced by the public with neither overconfidence nor despair.

While we may never achieve the democratic ideal, we should not lose sight of the American Dream. We should never judge national success by the problems we face but by our ability to seek out problems and solve them. Today, little effort is required to locate these problems. They leap at us from the front pages of a hundred newspapers. We must seek the answers.

Despite several centuries of fashioning order and consistency out of the chaos of social behavior, the minds of the legal profession are still deeply mired in the problems of the world. Every generation has had its assortment of legal problems; ours is no exception.

Busing — law and order — equal consideration for the poor, the aged, the ill — tax reform — powers of police — rights to education — backlog of cases in the courts — prison reform — health rights — welfare — our relationship with other countries — national and international agreements: these are only a few of the issues facing the lawyers, judges, legislators and administrators today.

The fact that the American Dream has become as much a reality as it has is owed in large part to members of the legal profession, to their constant vigilance, their concern and their dedication. In a day when many Americans seem uncertain as to what the issues are and often despair of finding the answers, members of the legal profession are unraveling the knotty problems that face our society.

How good a job they really do depends upon how much intelligent support they receive from the American citizen.

So on Law Day '75, let us not cast a cynical eye on our legal system, judging it by its problems. Let us instead try to appreciate the magnitude of problems faced by men of the legal profession who must find the solutions for our generation and generations to come.

It's a changing Army

A lot of troops in the field have been surprised to learn that the DA Forms 20 and 66 (Enlisted and Officer Qualification Record) have both been replaced by the new automated Personnel Qualification Record, the DA Form 2. With the Army's conversion to the Standard Installation/Division Personnel System (SIDPERS), the typewriter and manual posting of records is giving way to the No. 2 pencil and a computerized file of personnel information. The DA Form 2 is your way of finding out just what the Army's computer file has to say about you.

And what it says is important — important to you and important to the Army. Since the personnel information stored in the Army's computers will be used to make decisions which will affect you directly (such as whether you are eligible for consideration by the next promotion board), you want to be sure that that information is correct. And since HQDA will base its decision as to how many E6's (or E8's or O4's) to promote to the next grade on how many the computer says they currently have, that information also has to be accurate. The DA Form 2 is where it all starts; it prints out all the information contained in your computerized file.

You'll see your Form 2 about once every 90 days at most SIDPERS installations. What is called a "Reconciliation" copy of your current DA Form 2 is sent down through channels to your unit orderly room. Your company clerk will ask you to verify the information that you see. If there are any changes needed, he will initiate the action and see that they are made. You get to keep your copy.

Another occasion when you may see your DA Form 2 is when you report to a new post. You'll find that a copy is there waiting for you. When you departed your previous installation, an automated notice was sent through the Automatic Digital Network (AUTODIN) to your new post to inform them that you were coming. This notice caused a DA Form 2 to be printed at the new installation so that the personnel managers there would have more time to consider your qualifications and select "just exactly" the right job for you.

Actually, you can see your DA Form 2 just about any time at all. By submitting an "Inquiry Transaction," your personnel clerk can get you a brand new DA Form 2 any time a SIDPERS processing cycle occurs. While this could get boring after seeing the same information over and over, it can be a useful assist at times. Anyone who has tried to reconstruct a lost or destroyed DA Form 20 or 66 will appreciate how easily the DA Form 2 can be replaced.

When you do see your DA Form 2, you'll find a record of **current** information. Where the DA Form 20 or 66 listed everything you ever were or had done, the DA Form 2 lists very little of this "historical" information. It is a "snapshot," if you will, of your **current** qualifications.

The form itself is divided into eight sections. The first section identifies you by name and Social Security number, tells whether you are an officer, warrant officer, or an enlisted person, states both the date prepared and the date "as of" which the information is current, tells who requested the report, and what type of report it is (remember the quarterly "reconciliation" report?). All this information is intended only to insure that the report shown is for the right person, and has been requested for a specific reason.

The second section lists a variety of information pertaining to your job qualifications and assignment preferences. Items such as grade; date of rank; Regular/Reserve status; primary, secondary, and duty MOS codes; pro pay, incentive pay, and special pay status; physical category and security clearance codes are all listed here. Also shown are such data as the highest civilian and military educational level completed, your last foreign service and combat tour (if any), and your current area of preference for assignment in either CONUS or overseas.

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The one thing that can cause confusion first appears in this second section. Although all of the items of information on the form are numbered, some of the numbers are circled, some have a square around them, and others have nothing at all. Just remember that this new form takes the place of both the Enlisted (DA Form 20) and Officer (DA Form 66) Qualification Records. Therefore, numbers that are circled apply only to enlisted members; numbers that are contained in a square apply to officers only; and numbers that are "plain" apply to all service members. In Section II, for example, item 11, "Branch," applies only to officers; item 34, "AEA," applies only to the Assignment Eligibility and Availability of enlisted members; item 16 "Primary MOS," applies equally to all.

Section III contains your Service, Training, and Other Dates. Here are listed your Pay Entry Basic Date (PEBD), your Basic Active Service Date (BASD), and your anticipated date of loss (if you are overseas).

Section IV is devoted to personal data about you and your family. Birth date, race, sex, religious preference, citizenship and marital status are recorded, as well as the total number of dependents you claim and the number of those dependents that would accompany you on your next Permanent Change of Station (PCS).

The fifth section is a collection of important miscellaneous dates. The date of your last efficiency report, a reminder of when to have your next official photograph taken, when you will be eligible for award of the Good Conduct Medal (enlisted) or the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Reserve personnel on active duty) are all here. There's even an "Ethnic Code Designator" (item 70), showing the code for the ethnic group to which you have stated you consider you belong.

Section VI contains information about the "slot" you currently occupy. The SIDPERS position number, the title, and the paragraph and line number from the TO&E or TDA for your organization are listed here. The authorized MOS Code and grade for this position are stated, as well as a substitute MOS, if any.

In Section VII, an abbreviated record of your current and two previous units of assignment included. Remember, we said before that the DA Form 2 is a record of your current qualifications. For that reason, only your most recent assignments are shown. The historical record of **all** your assignments is maintained by your personnel clerk on the non-computerized DA Form 2-1. The DA Form 2 records current, highly changeable information (marital status, for example, or number of dependents). The DA Form 2-1 is a historical record which contains information which does not change, or changes very infrequently (previous assignments, for example). While you may see your Form 2 quarterly, you won't see your DA Form 2-1 until you make your yearly trip to the personnel office to audit your records.

The final section, Section VIII, may or may not have entries recorded. This section is reserved for use at the local installation. Each installation uses this section differently, and some don't use it at all. Items which may be recorded here are local tele-



(Editor's note: Many changes affecting soldiers' careers are occurring in the Army. The Star Presidian will attempt to inform soldiers of some of these changes as they occur. In this issue, the DA Form 2, one of the most important records a soldier has, is discussed.)

phone number and off-post address, license number and make of your car, special training information, or your blood type. If information is printed in Section VIII on your form and you don't recognize it, ask your personnel clerk what it is. Only your installation will know for sure.

As you can see, the DA Form 2 contains a lot of current information about you. It tells who you are, where you are, what you are doing there, your special qualifications and preferences for assignment, and many other considerations which must be taken into account by personnel managers. What's more, the information shown is transmitted directly to Headquarters, Department of the Army, where it is entered into your master record in MILPERCEN. You can be assured that if the information shown on your DA Form 2 is incorrect or incomplete, the chances are very good that the same errors or omissions are on your DA file. And that fact will not help you a bit when you are trying to wangle a special assignment or school.

Although computerized personnel information files have been around the Army as long as computers have, "in olden days" you had no convenient way to find out what the computer had to say about you. Now, you do — and every 90 days, at that. And "finding out" is most of the battle in insuring that your personnel records are "standing tall."

Don't practice chemical warfare on your children

Poisons and your child

When an infant is on two feet and traveling at last, the whole world is a magical mystery tour with everything in it demanding their attention. The shadow at the top of the stairs must be touched, the contents of a coffee cup smelled (and often spilled) and the day's newspaper torn up and scattered.

If this was as far as they went with their investigations, there would be less cause for parents to worry or take precautions. Most exploring infants, however, like to taste everything they find in cabinets, under the sink and in closets. This game usually isn't played with oatmeal which goes in the hair or applesauce which goes in the ear.

All too often, the game is played with detergents, insects and rodent poisons, bleach, paint remover and score of other items found in households. All of these items carry the warning: "Keep out of reach of children." The warning is often ignored.

Last year, one million children swallowed a variety of potentially dangerous substances. Hospital care was required for 130,000 of the child victims and 150 of them were killed by the substances they tried to taste.

"All the warnings in the world are wasted," Dr. Harry Hays, director of the Pesticides Regulation Division, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture said, "if parents don't take the time to find a safer place than under the kitchen sink to store potentially dangerous products."

Hays describes the cabinet below the sink as a "chamber of horrors" for children on a discovery tour of the house. He cites the chambers' top three horrors as pesticides, insecticides and paint remover, all

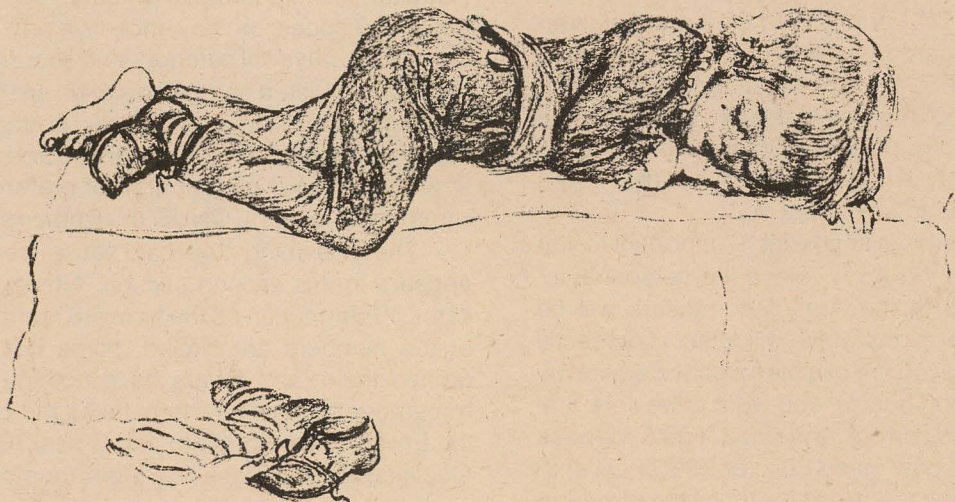
of which can kill or blind a child. Cleansing powders, ammonia solutions, bleach and other common use items add to the list of killers and blinding agents.

Aspirin and other common medicines are often left on bedside tables, in medicine chests and similar areas where exploring hands can easily reach them. Even "child-resistant" tops are no guarantee against accidental poisoning by any of these substances.

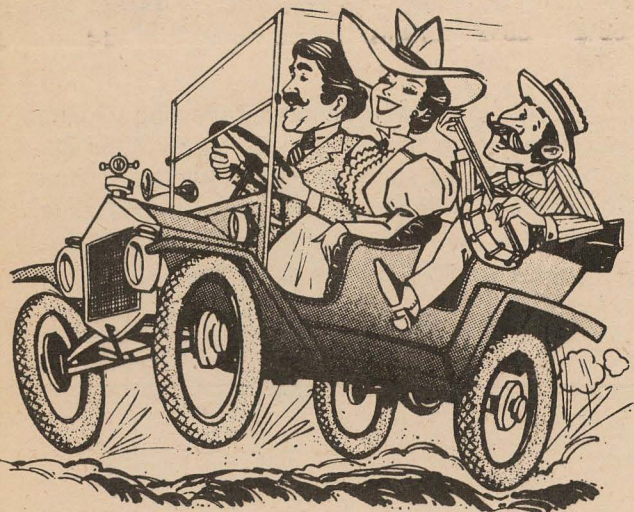
The only way to prevent such poisoning is to

make an inventory of all toxic items, destroy those that aren't needed (buying more later is cheaper than the cost of a child's life) and store the others where they can't be reached by small children.

If a child does swallow a poisonous material, the parent should check the substance's label and immediately call a doctor. At the Presidio, call 4181 or 3190.



CAR POOL



Pat Puckett, Waterville and Silver Avenue, San Francisco to Presidio (Bldg. 87). Need a ride. Telephone: 3988 or 2826.

M/Sgt Larry Blanc, Rohnert Park, telephone (duty) 3922. Destination: LAMC, day shift, Monday through Friday. Will drive and share in driving.

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd., Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518, (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg. 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing car pool.

SP5 Eugenia Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland, telephone: 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Jack E. Pine, Half Moon Bay, Pacifica area, telephone (home) 726-4549, (duty) 5179. Destination: PSF, riders wanted, will share expenses.

Gloria J. McLarnan, Santa Rosa to Presidio (Bldg. 39). Needs a ride and will share expenses. Telephone (home) 707/542-5940, (duty) 3137.

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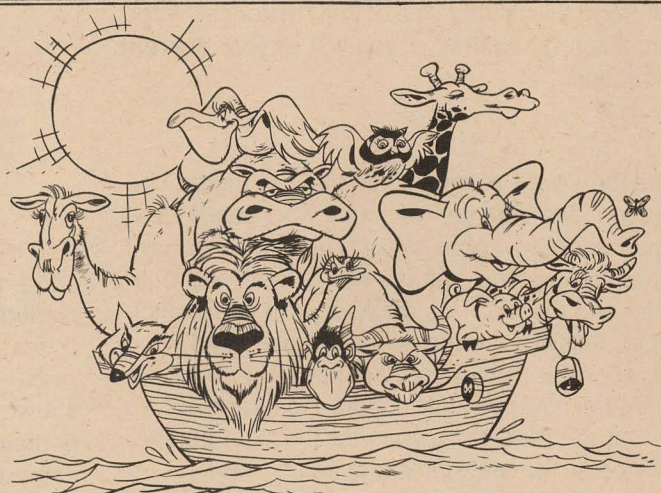


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SPORTS

FORSCOM-West Bowling

Youth Baseball: Wins and Poor Attendance

Despite poor attendance, the Presidio Cal-Pal and CYO baseball teams continued their winning ways last weekend against San Francisco city teams.

The youngsters swept five of six games before a paltry showing of 42 people who came out from the Presidio for the six games at four different locations in the city.

In Cal-Pal play, Saturday, the 15 year-olds lost to Mayer Electronics 13-6, while the 14 year-olds downed the Saints 7-5 and the 13 year-olds got a forfeit from the Kips.

Sunday, the CYO 6th graders downed Epiphany 14-5, the 5th graders blanked Corpus Christi 6-0 and the 4th graders downed St. Finnbar 8-4.

Work continues on Pop Hicks Field, home for the CYO teams. League officials say the grounds work is near completion and hope to be playing there next week to boost attendance if for no other reason.

"We send letters to the parents every year encouraging their support," said Ed Morrissey. "We end up trying to embarrass them into going."

Attendance at Pop Hicks games is better than on the road, but Morrissey said there really isn't any excuse for poor turnouts even at away games. "Last weekend, I saw a lot of parents drop off their kids and just turn around," he said.

Four members of the Army track team were named to a 66-man U.S. track contingent that will compete in the People's Republic of China next month.

The four are runners Al Lanier and Louis Wilson and triple-jumpers Tommy Haynes and Rayfield Dupree. All but Lanier are currently in training at the Presidio for the inter-service track meet at the beginning of June.

Although meets will be held in Canton, Shanghai and Peking, the trip is regarded as mainly a good will tour since Chinese athletes have not equalled other major nations in track and field. The Americans will conduct clinics when they are not competing.

Departure is scheduled from San Francisco on May 12 with the athletes returning at the end of May.

Army track coach Ralph Higgins said he does not expect the trip to interfere with the training of his four men. "They know enough to keep in shape while they are there," he said.

In other track news, pole vaulter Wayne Hicks joined the Army team here last week.

Hicks has a 16'5" vault to his credit and should give the team added strength in one of its weaker areas.

Army's Charles Brown finished second in at the inter-service meet last year behind a 15'6" vault by the Air Force's Rex Harvey.

Hicks competed in a three-way meet between Army, the Bay Area Striders and the West Valley Track Club Sunday at the College of San Mateo.

Army sent seven men to the meet and garnered 24 points with first by Louis Wilson in the 220 and Jerry Garcia in the three mile. West Valley finished first with 99 points and the Striders second with 42.

Eleven members of the Army team will compete tomorrow in the Mount SAC Relays near Los Angeles.

Post team wins another

Craig Steen struck out the final batter with the tying run at third as the Presidio softball team won its third straight game of the season 16-15 from the United Transportation Union.

Presidio exploded for nine runs in the bottom of the fifth to tie the game at 15-15 and scored the winning run in the sixth on an error.

They now have three wins against no losses in San Francisco city competition.

The Women's Interservices Recreational League (WIRL) Volleyball Tournament played its first game April 8, with the Presidio beating LAMC 12-7, 15-11. Coached by Becky Ho, who played with the Post Volleyball Team that brought home the 1974 FORSCOM championship, the Presidio WAC's are shooting for their third straight championship.

Standings as of April 22:

	WON	LOST
PSF	2	0
Presidio MPs	2	1
LAMC	1	3
Alameda	1	2
Oakland Army Base	0	0
Travis AFB	2	2

Team (nine games)	
Men	pins
Ft. Hood	5153
Ft. Lewis	5083
Ft. Carson	5055
Ft. Riley	5007
Hawaii	4967
Presidio of S.F.	4962
Ft. Sam Houston	4952
Ft. Sheridan	4820
Women	pins
Ft. Sam Houston	4639
Presidio of S.F.	4353
Ft. Hood	4078
Ft. Carson	4004
Ft. Riley	3996
Hawaii	3735

Singles (six games)	
Men	pins
Coleman (Carson)	1260
Campbell (Sheridan)	1224
Anderson (Hawaii)	1221
Murphy (Carson)	1200
Bryne (Lewis)	1198
Doutt (Hawaii)	1196
Miller (Hood)	1186
Worley (Lewis)	1184
Taoy (Presidio)	1180
Wamsley (Carson)	1169
Handrichs (Hood)	1168
Johnson (Riley)	1161
Hopper (Riley)	1161
Felton (Carson)	1147
Collins (Sam Houston)	1135
Stepowski (Hawaii)	1126
Kramer (Lewis)	1114
Meyers (Riley)	1107
Coleman (Riley)	1103
Kulman (Lewis)	1101
Roy (Hood)	1088
Ruegsegger (Presidio)	1080
Finkbohner (Presidio)	1079
Magill (Sam Houston)	1074
Whittenberger (Hood)	1070
Corrigan (Presidio)	1067
Wigley (Sheridan)	1066
Bowman (Sam Houston)	1038
Hoffman (Hawaii)	1036
Bobo (Sheridan)	1014
Murray (Sheridan)	1002

INTRAMURAL BOWLING* (April 23)

Presidio League (final)	Won	Lost
Support Element No. 1	74½	33½
LAIR	70	38
170th MP Company	68½	39½
Garrison	68	40
525th MI Group	62½	45½
Armed Forces Police	56	52
402nd MP Company	52	56
Harbor Craft	45½	62½
Western Recruiting	42	66

Ft. Scott League*	Won	Lost
Letterman	88	16
Med Lab	76	28
864th Engineers	74	30
Support Element No. 2	71	33
Milpac 6	53	51
163rd MP Detachment	48	56
402nd MP Company	42	62
16th Base Post Office	21	83
Armed Forces Police	15	89

* one more week to play

Worley (Sam Houston)	963
Women	pins
Pagenkopf (Sam Houston)	1028
Baker (Sam Houston)	1025
Pennington (Presidio)	1013
Diener (Presidio)	1007
Brinley (Riley)	1007
Johnson (Presidio)	964
Bowen (Hood)	959
Lockwood (Carson)	958
King (Sam Houston)	945
Boyd (Presidio)	928
McClure (Hood)	920
Jesus (Hawaii)	912
Pearson (Sam Houston)	908
Storey (Riley)	900
Knapp (Carson)	895
Anderson (Riley)	895
Whitaker (Carson)	878
Wilson (Hood)	873
Cruz (Hawaii)	783
Scoggins (Hood)	765
McKenzie (Riley)	756
Hunkin (Hawaii)	729
Hard (Hawaii)	644

Doubles (six games)

Men (top three)	pins
Hoffman, Anderson (Hawaii)	2303
Worley, Bowman (Sam Houston)	2296
Handrichs, Whittenberger (Hood)	2270
Women (top three)	pins
Pagenkopf, Baker (Sam Houston)	2045
Diener, Johnson (Presidio)	2001
Lockwood, Whitaker (Carson)	1935
All Events (21 games)	
Men (top four): Wamsley (Carson), 4118; Worley (Lewis), 4083; Johnson (Riley), 4004; Handrichs (Hood), 3897.	
Women (top four): Pagenkopf (Sam Houston), 3694; Baker (Sam Houston), 3532; Diener (Presidio), 3455; Johnson (Presidio), 3436.	

High Game

Men: Hoffman (Hawaii), 266; Coleman (Carson), 255.

Women: Pagenkopf (Sam Houston), 216; Baker (Sam Houston), 212.

High Series

Men: Wamsley (Carson), 671; Coleman (Carson), 649.

Women: Whitaker (Carson), 574; Pagenkopf (Sam Houston), 571.

INTRAMURAL VOLLEYBALL (final)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
LAIR*	14	0
Med Lab*	11	3
HHH 504th MP Batt.*	8	7
Letterman	7	8
Support Element	5	9
402nd MP Company	5	9
Oakland Army Base	3	9
170th MP Company	2	10

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Western Recruiting*	10	2
Sixth Army Band*	9	3
District Engineers**	9	3
16th Base Post Office*	7	6
525th MI Group	6	7
51st Engineers	0	12
864th Engineers	0	12

*won playoff spot

**not eligible for playoffs

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PRESIDIO LADIES TAKE 2ND IN FORSCOM-WEST BOWLING

By John Chambers

With their male counterparts out of the race, the Presidio ladies made a run at first place in the FORSCOM-West Bowling Tournament here last week but could not catch a red hot Ft. Sam Houston team.

Ft. Sam Houston's women walked off with nearly every event in the female division including singles, doubles, "all events," high game and team honors. Presidio's ladies finished second team-wise.

Forts Hood and Carson shared the bulk of the men's awards with Hood besting Ft. Lewis, Wash. by 70 pins for the team title. Carson bowlers took singles, "all events" and high series.

Although bowling on their own lanes, the Presidio men's team finished sixth in an eight-team field. "Everyone on the team bowled under his average. We bowled just terrible," said team member Pete Taoy shaking his head.

The Presidio ladies had little to shake their heads about, however. They placed two bowlers, Dolores Diener and Karen Johnson, in nomination for the all-Army trials and finished second in doubles as well as the team competition. Joyce Pennington, a substitute bowler on the team, missed the all-Army nomination by only 19 pins.

Few of them were unhappy with their second place finish to Ft. Sam Houston. "I'm glad they won it. They deserved to win," said Karen Johnson afterward.

A showdown between the two clubs seemed inevitable even before the team competition began on Wednesday. Monday, two Ft. Sam Houston bowlers, Heidi Pagenkopf and Gertrude Baker, finished one-two in the singles with Presidio's Pennington and Johnson right behind them.

The pattern repeated itself in doubles on Tuesday, with the Pagenkopf-Baker tandem finishing

first followed by Johnson and Dolores Diener.

Everyone knew who to look for in the nine-game team competition and both teams obliged. Pagenkopf and Baker, with teammates Bette Pearson and King, opened an 80 pin lead after the first three games and added 70 more in the next round.

One hundred-fifty pins back on Friday, the Presidio could only hope for a Sam Houston collapse which would never come. Pagenkopf, Baker and King all bowled over 500 in the last series to finish at 4639, nearly 300 pins ahead of the Presidio.

"I really liked these lanes. It's like they were built for me," said the braided blonde, Heidi Pagenkopf, after it was all over. Ordinarily a 160 bowler, she captured first in singles (1028), doubles, "all events" (3694), team competition, high game (216) and had the second highest series (571).

In the men's competition, Presidio never came closer than sixth in any of the four major events. Sixth in team standings, they were also seventh in doubles. Individually, their highest bowlers placed ninth in singles and sixteenth in "all events." ("All events" are the total pins the bowler knocks down during the entire tournament. It includes 21 games.)

"I guess it was mostly the tension that bothered us," said Taoy. "Also we never had a chance to bowl together as a team before the tournament."

A fifth place finish in the first round of the team competition Wednesday seemed to hold some hope for the Presidio men, but they slipped farther back on Thursday.

By the final round Friday, they were in sixth place, 178 pins behind the leaders from Ft. Hood. And while Ft. Riley was in fifth place just 27 pins to their front, Hawaii was in seventh just 17 pins to the rear.

In the first game of the final round, Ft.

Riley increased its lead to 62 pins. Both Hawaii and the Presidio bowled poorly — 510 and 500, respectively — but Presidio was the poorer of the two and their lead over the Hawaiians shrank to seven pins.

Second game: Riley 620, Hawaii 585 and Presidio 575. Now, with no chance of catching Riley 107 pins to their front, the Presidio foursome concentrated on overtaking Hawaii who was also in front of them by a slim three pin margin.

Seeming to rise to the occasion, Presidio rolled a 604; but it wasn't good enough to catch the Aloha Staters who skidded into fifth place with a 606. Final score was Presidio 4,962 pins; Hawaii 4,967.

Eight FORSCOM-West bowlers were placed in nomination for the all Army trials later this month at Ft.

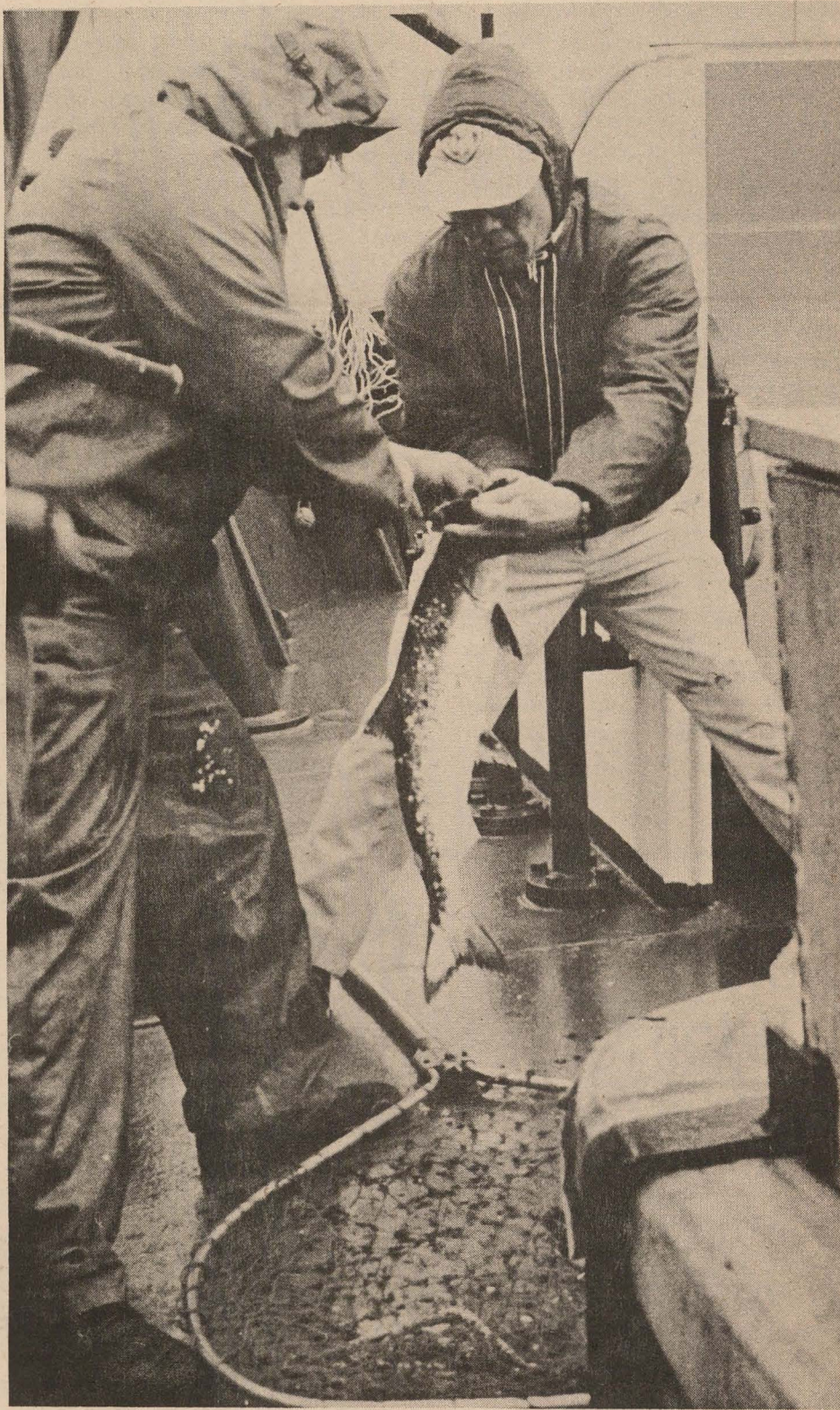
Campbell, Ky. They were: Craig Wamsley (Ft. Carson), James Worley (Lewis), Bernie Johnson (Riley), Douglas Handrichs (Hood), Heidi Pagenkopf (Sam Houston), Gertrude Baker (Sam Houston), Dolores Diener (Presidio) and Karen Johnson (Presidio).

The eight people were the top four finishers in the male and female "all events" competition.

Reports from the FORSCOM-East tournament held at Ft. Devens, Mass. last week, indicated that all eight candidates stand a healthy chance of being chosen for the trials by the Department of the Army Sports Division. High "all events" bowlers at the Eastern tournament checked in with 3,935 and 3,477 pins in the male and female division, somewhat below the pace set at the tournament here.

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SPORTS



Two fishermen land a 12-pound salmon on the deck of the Presidio fishing craft "Presidian" last weekend. Despite rough seas, the recreation craft brought in a healthy catch Saturday. Recreation Services offers fishing trips to Presidio personnel every weekend. The price is \$8.50 which includes a seven to nine hour fishing trip, rod, reel and tackle. Reservations open two weeks in advance of each trip and may be made weekdays at the Outdoor Recreation Center (Bldg. 122) from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 4324 or 4356 for more information.

LAIR dominates as volleyball playoffs open

LAIR showed it was the team to beat in the 1975 intramural volleyball tournament as it disposed of its first two playoff opponents in straight games Tuesday night.

The undefeated Presidio League champions downed a hapless 16th Base Post Office 15-1, 15-0 and then handed the runners-up from their league, Med Lab, a 15-3, 15-11 defeat.

In other opening night action, a surprisingly strong HHD 504th MP Battalion beat the champions of the Ft. Scott League, Western Recruiting, 15-11, 16-14. The MPs had ended the regular season tied for third in their league and gained a tournament berth only after a playoff with Letterman Monday night.

LAIR took only 20 minutes to dispose of the 16th BPO. The postal workers scored a point early in the first game to make it 3-1 LAIR, but LAIR rattled off 27 unanswered points for their fifteenth and sixteenth straight wins of the season.

It was hardly a volleyball match, with the 16th BPO unable to sustain more than a half dozen volleys in the two games. Most of LAIR's points came on unreturned serves.

Seemingly warmed up from their 16th BPO match, LAIR quickly handed

Med Lab a 15-3 loss in the first game of their second contest. Unreturned serves again accounted for many of the points. At times, Med Lab showed flashes of organization but were foiled by the precision of LAIR's spikers led by Dave Welsh.

LAIR seemed to suffer a letdown in the beginning of the second game. Capitalizing on LAIR spikes and serves that went into the net or out of the court, Med Lab tied the score at 1-1 and built a 5-1 lead.

LAIR tied the game at 8-8, but fell behind 9-11 before scoring six straight points for the win.

The 504th surprised most observers with its straight game victory over Western Recruiting and stirred speculation that the Presidio League teams might be far stronger than the Ft. Scott contenders. The MPs ended the regular season in a 7-7 won/loss tie with Letterman, after dropping their final two games of the season to LAIR Monday.

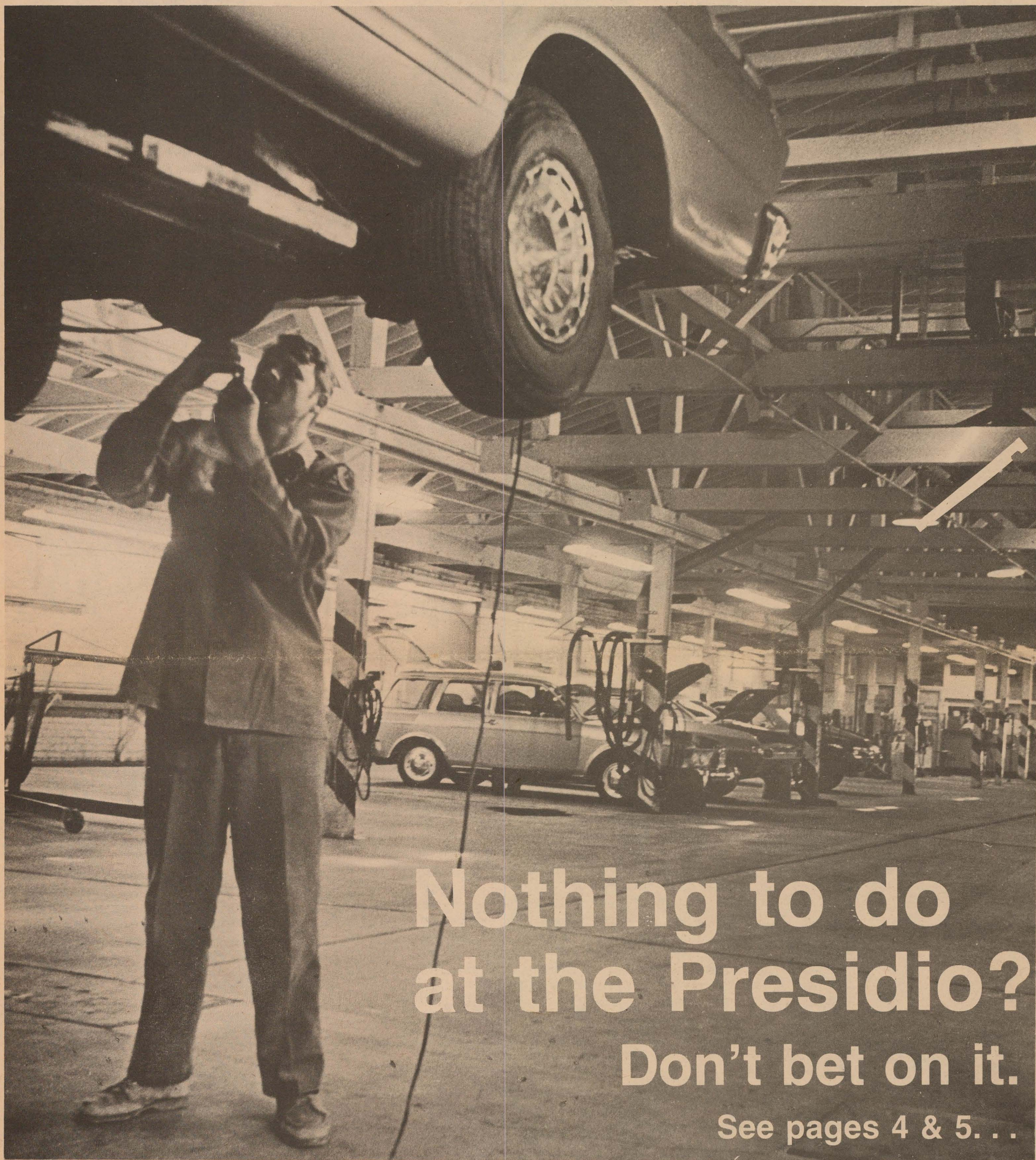
The intramural tournament is scheduled to last the rest of the week with the final playoff game today.

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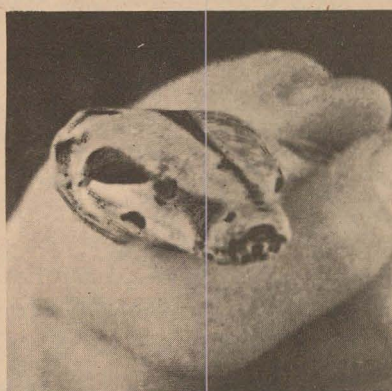
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Don't bet on it.

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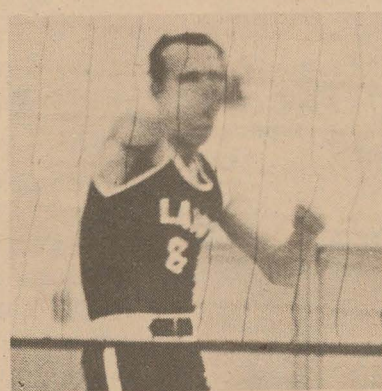
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Ramblin' Sam Asks:

What would you do if you were post commander for a day?



SGT. JACK BALDING, 402nd MP Company

"I would have letters of reprimand sent to a lot of people who reside on the Presidio who allow their yards to become trash bins. I have seen lawns that appear as though they haven't been cut in weeks, with litter scattered around to boot."

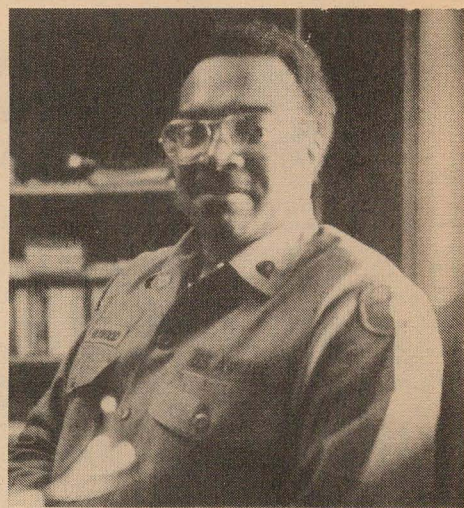
Colonel Kane: "I agree. Our family yards do need policing. I'll bring this point up at our next Community Council meeting and stress it during our Spring clean up campaign coming soon. And, if necessary, I'll send out some letters."



SP4 DONALD WILLHIDE, 16th Base Post Office

"I would initiate paperwork that would lead to the eventual return of military work to the military. I think there are far too many civilians doing what the military should be doing. It's nice that the civilians are being employed by the government, but they take up many jobs that should be handled by us."

Colonel Kane: "I can't comment on this very well since the DA civilianization program was implemented years ago to do exactly what you've recommended — keep truly military jobs filled with soldiers and civilian type positions with civilians. I'm not exactly sure what jobs you have in mind, but perhaps you should send in a suggestion to HQ PSF if you know of some obvious mismatches."



SP5 CHARLES HAYWOOD, 864th Engineers

"We need more repair and construction work on this post. If I was given the chance at being the post commander even for a day, I would get an augmented construction program going."

Colonel Kane: "Oh, how I agree with you! But we can't do it without more money. I'm hoping that we'll get some additional funding in the new fiscal year (FY 76). If we do, we'll really get going on an augmented program. Incidentally, the 864th has impressed me greatly with your great work. Keep it up, and I'll try to buy some more materials for you."



PVT. JOANN DIPPALD, 402nd MP Company

"The dining facilities on this post should be open on a 24-hour basis to allow personnel on duty all night to eat. As commander, I would see what I could do to get them opened."

Colonel Kane: "The military police dining facility is currently open from 2130 to 2230 and re-opens at 0530 to permit MPs coming on or going off duty a chance to eat a warm meal. I'll ask the DIO to see if we can do even more than this and still keep the cost situation within reasonable bounds. I'll report back to you later in the Star Presidian on what we learn from the study."



RICHARD LARSEN, recreations assistant

"I am familiar with high up commanders, and I know how much work they have to do and how much responsibility they have. If I knew I'd have the same responsibility and pressure, I'd take the day off!"

Colonel Kane: "That's a marvelous idea. I think maybe I should take off on a good sunny afternoon and go to a ball game. I'll check my schedule soon."

CAR POOL

LTC Lenschau. Between Mt. Marin (Marinwood-Lucas Valley Area) to Presidio Bldg. 38. Wishes to join or form car pool. Telephone: 3892 (office) or 479-0409 (home).

Jo Reed. Needs ride between Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in the Kentfield area and Sixth Army Headquarters building. Will share expenses. Telephone number: (home) 457-3095, (work) 4700/3063.

Pat Puckett, Waterville and Silver Avenue, San Francisco to Presidio (Bldg. 87). Need a ride. Telephone: 3988 or 2826.

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd., Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518, (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg. 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing car pool.

SP5 Eugenia Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland, telephone: 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Letterman Women's Club Lunch

The Letterman Officer's Women's Club will close their club year with an installation and luncheon to be held May 8 in the Ft. Mason's Officer's Club at 11:30 a.m. Lunch at noon. Hostesses are the wives of the Department of LAIR. For reservations call (before May 6) in San Francisco Carol Shroyer 387-5215 or Candy Cole 561-2432 or Mrs. Polly Shaw in Marin at 456-0235.

Steak Night at "O" Club

Presidio Officer's Club announces the beginning of steak night on May 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. By popular demand, the club's executive chef, John Holcomb, will prepare charcoal broiled beef to order. Pre-cut selections of beef as well as your choice of size and type will be available and prepared as you desire.

Job Resume Help

Working on a resume? Example, workbooks and tapes are available for use at the Education Center, Voc-Tech Department, Bldg. 1216, Ft. Scott or at the Letterman Ed Center Bldg. 1007. Both centers are open during duty hours.

May Promotion Figures

Army-wide promotion figures promotions planned for May for grades E-5 through O-6 total 4,819. This figure is down from a total of 6,041 in April.

Promotions are on tap for 3,889 enlisted soldiers: 3,000 to E-5, 350 to E-6, 141 to E-7, 205 to E-8 and 193 to E-9.

Warrant officer promotions total 198: 156 to CWO3 and 42 to CWO4. Officer promotions total 732: 270 to O-3, 224 to O-4, 179 to O-5 and 59 to O-6.

Investment Education Club Begins

The newly organized Presidio Investment Education Club held its first meeting recently. The purpose of the club is to provide its members with an opportunity to improve their financial planning efforts through training in investments, annuities, tax shelters, insurance and other financial programs. Recognized authorities from the Bay Area are scheduled to present information to the club and answer questions. The next meeting is scheduled for May 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Presidio Officer's Club. Anyone desiring to attend the meeting or become a member should contact Major Moore at 561-3891/3892.



The Presidio Playhouse

3,200 to attend Campex-West at Presidio

Approximately 3,200 Boy Scouts, Junior Leaders, adult leaders, and VIP's will be converging on the Presidio, May 16-18, for the first Boy Scout Campex-West, an experimental jamboree to show a new look in modern scouting.

The scouts will be coming from around the Bay area, Sacramento, Fresno, Carmel, and Los Angeles.

The Presidio was chosen as the location because it is well known, central and because of the Presidio's willingness to help. As Dr. Selig A. Gellert, Campex's Associate Project Director, stated, "Where else could we get as much help and cooperation as from the Army?"

Campex will be utilizing much of the Ft. Scott area, the parade grounds and near the WW II memorial for its camp sites and recreations. The scouts will be hiking into the camp sites.

The Army will supply some of the conveniences such as sanitation facilities, electrical needs and staff feeding. It has been requested that Crissy Field be used for the parking of the more than 500 automobiles expected.

Scout sources say that they will supply their own security, but have requested military police assistance when needed.

Though the jamboree will be for three days, the big events are on Saturday the 17th. After assembly of the scouts, there is to be two large arena shows.

Events will include the Alpine Mountain Race, Pioneering Steeple Chase, Operation Rescue (first-aid), and a Treasure Island Map and Compass Course.

Later in the day a large barbeque is planned. There will be no cooking at camp sites. After the barbeque, a large gathering will be held.

Friday afternoon and evening will be registration at the Cub Scout House (Bldg. 1212) with an arena assembly in the evening. Sunday schedule is for church service followed by an awards ceremony. A helicopter will drop ping-pong balls and fortune cookies to round out the final event.

For information concerning this event contact Boy Scouts of America, Scouting Showcase Program, 75 Parkwood Dr., Atherton, Calif. 94025. Telephone (415) 324-8344; San Francisco, 982-6955.

Weyand names new Sergeant Major of the Army

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Army Chief of Staff Fred C. Weyand Tuesday named Command Sergeant Major William G. Bainbridge to be sergeant major of the Army.

Bainbridge will succeed Sergeant Major of the Army Leon L. Van Autreve July 1. Van Autreve is retiring.

Currently serving as command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy at Ft. Bliss, Tex., Bainbridge was command sergeant major, U.S. Army Pacific from 1969 to 1972.

Promoted to sergeant major in 1963, Bainbridge has 26 years continuous Army service.

Sergeant Major of the Army Van Autreve has been sergeant major of the Army since July 1, 1973.

Ghost's fate in doubt

By C. D. Steen

with playhouse closing

When the Presidio Playhouse closes its doors for the last time with the completion of the current production, "Lock up your Daughters," this weekend, George will have to find a new home.

Who is George, asks your curiosity? "George" is the legendary (ghostly to the production staff at the playhouse) ghost who has been haunting the playhouse for about 30 years, so the story goes.

The ghost story is skimpy at best, but according to Mr. Donald Hess, program director, unusual things started happening not long after a soldier committed suicide backstage during World War II. George was the soldier's name and when the "unexplainable things" started happening, production staff members through the years put the blame on the mischievous ghost.

Authenticity to the actual being of George cannot be substantiated, because no one has claimed (as far as I know) to have ever seen the ghost.

But Stephanie Smith, box office director, who has been with the Presidio Playhouse just over a year, can claim that she has witnessed some bizarre manifestations.

"Things such as props, lights and chairs will suddenly disappear, only to turn up at another location," admits Stephanie. "When others are questioned about the movements, most of the time they will plead innocent. Weird noises coming from unidentified sources may suddenly break the silence and investigation always proves fruitless."

Others on the staff may give somewhat different variations, but they will balk at giving an exact cause.

On Sunday night, the cast of "Lock Up Your Daughters" will take their final bow. The Presidio Playhouse curtain will descend slowly for the last time hiding the magic and make believe of the playhouse stage.

The Presidio Playhouse is doomed to be torn down. George, if he really exists, will have to start looking for another house to haunt.

It is hoped there will be another place for plays in the near future. If it comes to pass, and again the magical lights, props, and costumed people parade on to another stage for all to watch and enjoy, maybe George the Ghost will decide to relocate here. If so, welcome home, George.

DA to ask some colonels and lieutenant colonels to retire

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Secretary of the Army Howard H. Callaway last week announced plans to encourage selected colonels and lieutenant colonels to retire by June 30, 1976.

The officers are already eligible to retire by that date with 20 or more years of active service.

In the zone of consideration for encouraged retirement will be:

- retirement eligible colonels who have been passed over one or more times for RA colonel,
- retirement eligible lieutenant colonels who have been passed over twice or more for O-6, AUS,
- and reserve O-5s and O-6s who have been on extended active duty beyond 20 years.

Officials said all colonels and lieutenant colonels to be considered would receive letters from the deputy chief of staff for personnel. The letters are to explain the need to reduce the size of the officers corps and the actions the Army is going to take.

Once all officers in the zone have been notified, a board is to be convened to review the files. Officials said the board would not be given a quota of officers to be encouraged to retire. Rather the board would identify officers whose performance and potential indicated they can no longer make a meaningful contribution in their serving grade.

All officers considered will be placed on an order of merit list. Concerned officers may request their standing on the list (by thirds) by contacting MILPERCEN after July 1.

Officers identified to be encouraged to retire will be notified in a DCSPER letter by July 1. This early

notification will permit them the option of retiring by August 31 to avoid retired pay loss because of retired pay inversion.

Officials said the Army officer strength is to drop from 102,522 to 98,125 by July 1, 1976. Normal attrition, reduced officer procurement and a RIF of nearly 2,143 RA and reserve captains will aid in reaching the officer strength level.

Other actions to reduce officer strength include fewer approvals of voluntary indefinite status for reserve officers and limiting the number of warrant officers extended beyond 20 years.

A tandem effort which will result in fewer O-5 and O-6 positions was the review launched last November to look at officer grade structures in tables of distribution and allowances. Four-man teams, each headed by a general officer, began reviewing TDAs in the field in January. So far, 173 TDAs have been examined and 627 fewer O-5/O-6 positions have been recommended.

The teams hope to complete their studies by August. Officials said that when the review is completed, a significant number of colonel positions could be eliminated. Reduction in O-5 slots would not be as great.

A spokesman said the Army had one of two choices: slow or stop promotions, or force voluntary retirements. The Army opted for encouraging voluntary retirements. The spokesman added, "If sufficient numbers of voluntary retirements are not generated by the board action, other alternatives will have to be explored."

Eight OCS classes to open

HQ, U.S. ARMY FORCES COMMAND (FORSCOM), Ft. McPherson, Ga. — The Army Officer Candidate Schools at Ft. Benning, Ga. and Ft. McClellan, Ala. will conduct four classes each during fiscal year 1976.

No quotas have been established for commands. Candidates will be selected on an Army-wide basis and those best qualified will be selected to attend the scheduled courses.

Male classes at Ft. Benning will get underway with Class 1-76 having a reporting date of July 13 and a closing date of October 21.

The four WAC Officer Candidate Classes at Ft. McClellan have a maximum input of four candidates for each class. WAC classes get underway with 1-76, reporting date August 10 and closing on October 24.

To qualify for attendance, male and female applicants must be between the ages of 19½ and 32½; have completed at least 60 hours of credit for a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or

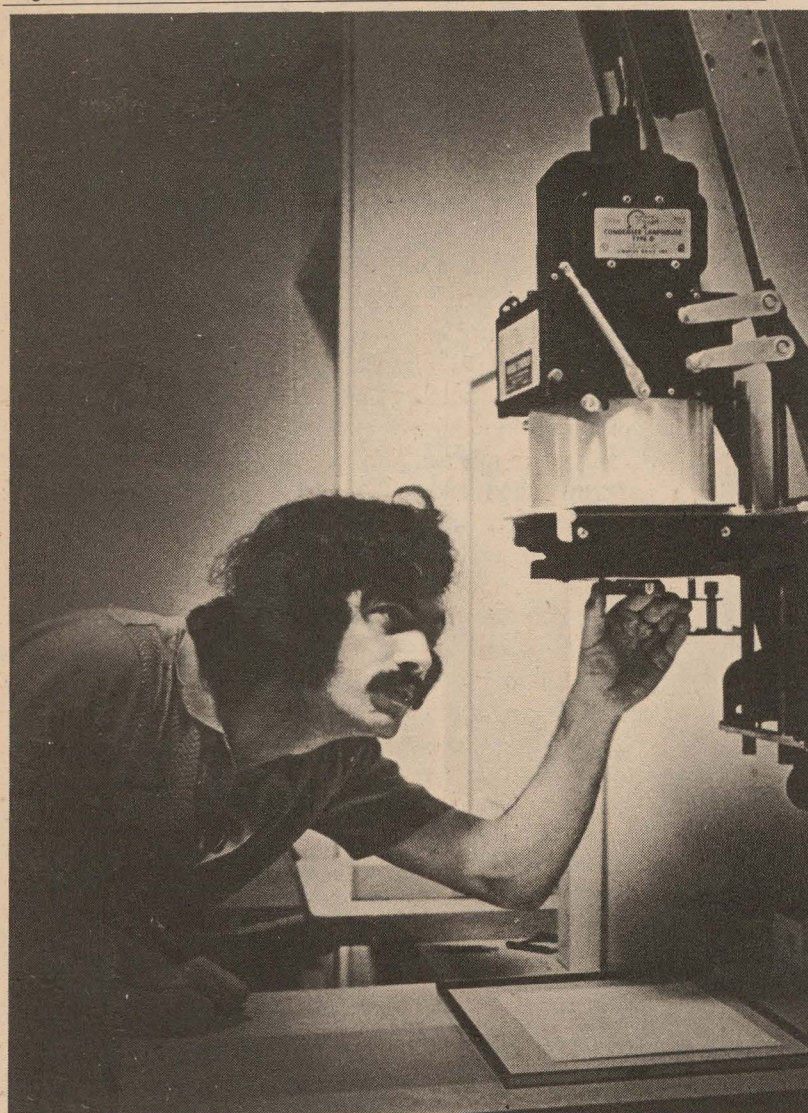
have a Department of the Army two-year college equivalency evaluation; meet required medical fitness standards; have completed Army Individual Training or its equivalent and be on permanent station assignment at the time of application.

Enlisted personnel who meet the established criteria are encouraged to contact their immediate commander or military personnel officers for administrative assistance.

LtGen. Roberts retires

Sixth U. S. Army Commander Lieutenant General Elvy B. Roberts retired Wednesday in a ceremony here on the Pershing Square Parade Field.

He was succeeded by Lieutenant General Edward M. Flanagan, Jr.

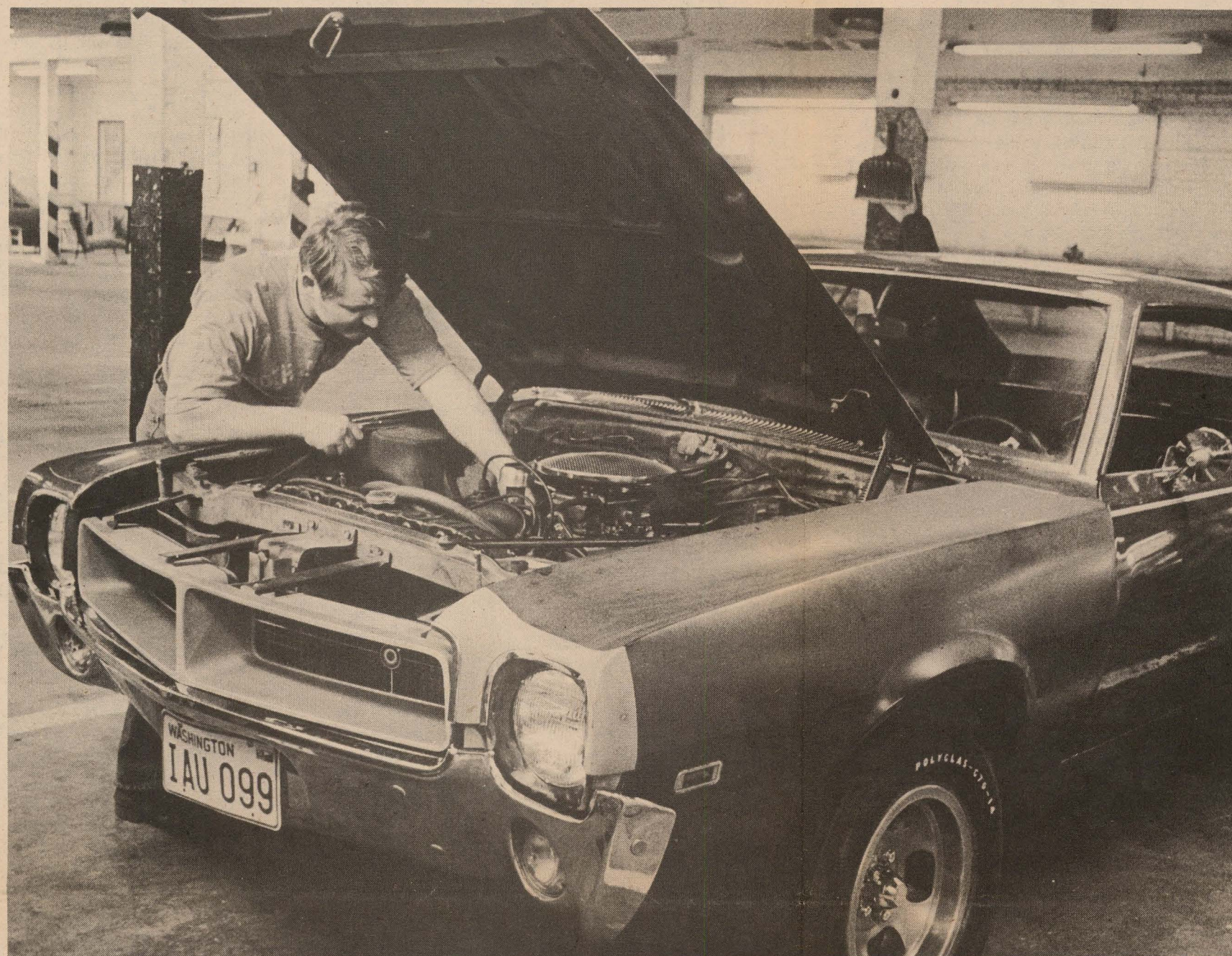


Photos, Clockwise — Army reservist Sp4 Heinz Lehmann adjusts lens opening on one of several black and white print enlargers at the photo hobby shop. Color work can be done here, too. Sgt Les Fultz, 170th MP Co., knows the exorbitant prices a garage would charge to tune up his car, so he does his own work at the Auto Shop. Tools and two auto mechanics, who offer their services, are available free. Fast-action racketball, and other body-building activities, keep you in shape at the Post and Ft. Scott gyms. If your love is the great outdoors, Outdoors Recreation has everything you need for camping, biking, hiking, skiing, scuba diving, and fishing to include arranging boat trips for salmon and bottom fishing. More activities and equipment will be available this summer. If you have always wanted to make like a carpenter, try the wood crafts shop. Sp5 John Russell from Support Element did. Ceramics is fun and easy as Mrs. Elizabeth Chappelle and her sister Teresa find out. Rather mold your masterpiece by hand? Then try pottery making just down the hall. Sp5 Gloria Piper, a biological assistant at LAIR, found time to put down her test tubes and pick up a paint brush to produce a scenic oil painting in the multicrafts shop. In the same large room is weaving, leather works, and jewelry making. A lapidary shop allows you to cut and polish stones for the jewelry.

On the cover: Working on a car in the Presidio auto craftshop.



PRESIDIO RECREATIONS



All you need is...

If the sparkle of city excitement has dimmed; if you are tired of just hanging around in your room all weekend; if your stomach sticks further out than your chest; or if your idea of creativity is making paper airplanes out of old note paper, then it is time for you to indulge in the numerous activities offered by your Recreation Services Activities.

Available at the mere extension of your own curiosity is the Post crafts shop where you can put together the perfect frame for that special painting you have hanging on the wall... create a piece of pottery to enhance the decor of your room...cut, polish and set that hunk of jade you brought back from the Orient... develop that role of film you shot of your girl or boy friend and make a 11 x 14 print suitable for framing. Don't worry about having to run around town trying to find the material or rounding up someone who can show you how to create your ideas because most of the things and help you need is at the Crafts shop, Bldg. 122. Classes are taught at the center to enhance your own

proficiency. Call 4497 for more details on other services and hours.

Your old jalopy needs fixing? Don't want to fatten the pockets of your local garage jockey? Then do your own work at the Auto Shop, Bldg. 662, where all you need is the desire to do your own work. Tools and two helpful mechanics are available free.

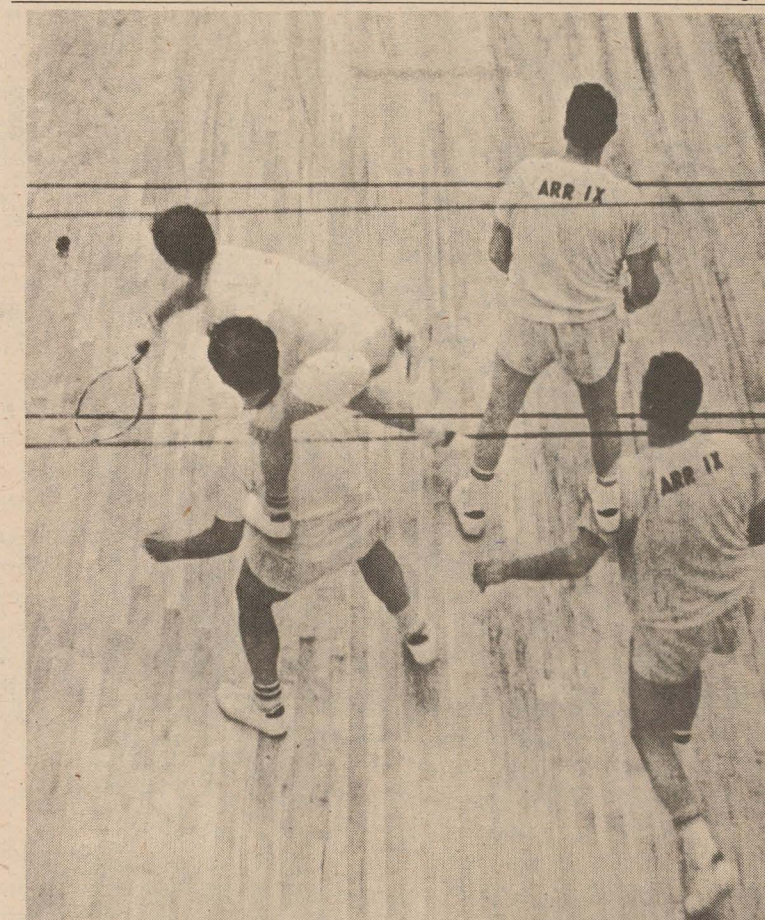
If you want to slim down then utilize your Recreation Services bowling alley, the two gymnasiums, or swimming pool.

For the actor in you, the Presidio Playhouse is always looking for talent and backstage help. Call 2755.

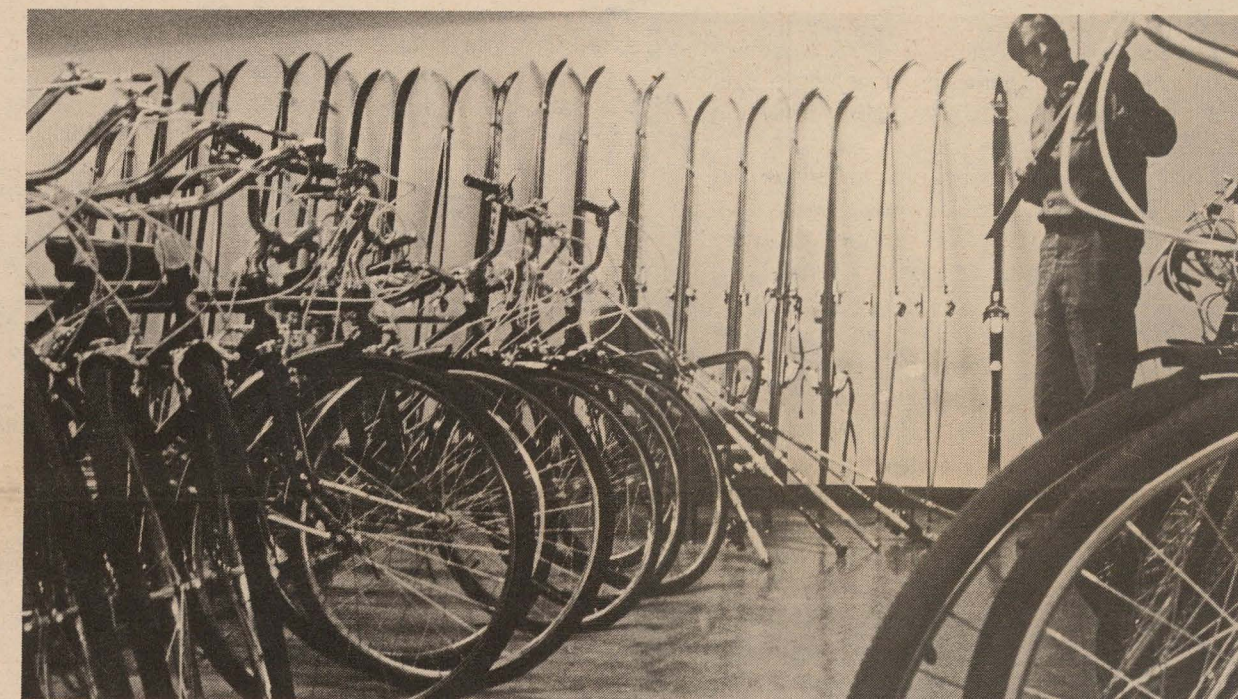
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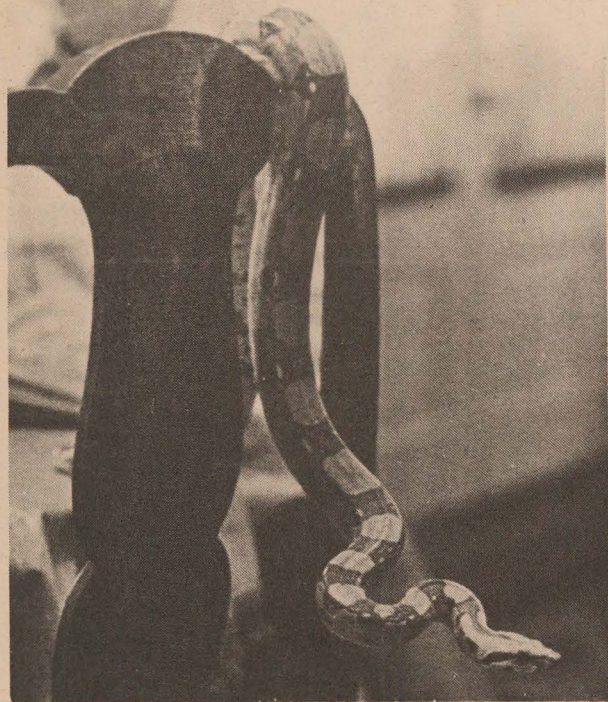
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...the desire to do them



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WANTED! A new home for a soon to be homeless 3½ foot female boa constrictor named Lucifer. Gentle, loves to be handled. Cage for Lucifer and cage for its food (mice) thrown in free. \$60. Contact Blake Wright, age 12, at 4693 evenings.

Some people might think that trying to sell a snake is like trying to sell a box of used tooth picks. And only some "nut" would ever think of owning one, especially at \$60.

But for people like the Wrights of 407A Washington Blvd., having to give up their pet snake can be as sorrowful an affair as having to give up the family dog or cat.

"People have always been taught to believe that snakes are slimy, dirty and fearful," says Mrs. Rochelle Wright, Blake Wright's mother. "But they are dry and cool to the touch, not at all dirty, and hardly fearful."

The Wrights will soon be moving, and it would be nearly impossible to take along their pet because, like most tropical reptiles, Lucifer needs to be kept warm at all times and traveling would prevent that.

Rather than set it free, only to die in the cool San Francisco air, they would like to sell it to somebody who might feel the same way as they do about snakes, or take a chance to learn about them as a pet.

Think that \$60 is an overly exorbitant price for a snake? Go to a pet shop that sells boa constrictors and see if you can come back with one of that size (tame, with good markings which Lucifer has) for under that price — without the cages thrown in. You might be surprised!

Blake's snake was bought at an Oakland herpetarium shop three years ago for \$20. Blake wanted a snake ever since he visited the Miami, Florida Serpentarium which is sort of a reptilian showroom that displays hundreds of kinds of snakes to the thousands of visitors that cram the place each year.

His fascination grew and when his family settled at the Presidio, he talked his parents into allowing

Presidio youngster trying to sell his pet--a boa constrictor

him to get one.

Blake wanted a hog nose snake as his first choice, but the only one the herpetarium had, was sold. He settled for a one-foot boa which he came to love. He was told, and he found for himself, that boas are easier to keep and care for.

The three years Lucifer spent at the Wright residence has brought the family a close fascination with perhaps one of nature's least understood, shall we say, low-to-earth creatures.

Blake doesn't keep Lucifer confined to its 10-gallon aquarium cage all the time. It is given roaming rights to the house, and it isn't at all unusual to find the light brown and cream-colored snake dangling from a lamp shade or draped over a chair.

Lucifer is confident no one will hurt him and is gladly picked up. Blake says Lucifer's favorite resting place (snakes love to sleep even though they can't close their eyes) is on somebody's lap. It will slither quietly on to one's lap, curl, and will stay motionless for as long as the person remains. Now, that's devotion!

If you are interested in becoming Lucifer's new owner, Blake Wright wants you to know a few things about his long, legless pet.

"He doesn't eat much or often," says the blond, 12-year-old boy. "Lucifer eats one live mouse, which you can purchase at any pet or herpetarium shop,

once or twice a week. He eats his mice prey by grabbing his victim by the head and wrapping himself around the mouse and constricting, literally squeezing the life out of it. Lucifer then swallows his meal whole. He will do this with an audience.

"If you want a pet with a long life, Lucifer could out live you, having a life span of 30 years and more. Boas get big — up to 15 feet long and may weigh as much as 300 pounds. Of course, it would take 15 or more years to achieve that size.

"If you happen to find a long, semi-transparent skin lying in his cage or on the floor (should you allow Lucifer to roam free), he molted. That is, he grew out of his old skin and shed it. This is a process most reptiles have to go through in order to grow. Rarely will Lucifer allow you to watch him do this. Like anybody shedding their clothes, he prefers privacy.

"Be very careful never to let the temperature where he is kept go below 85 degrees, at least over a period of time. It may be hard to believe but he can catch cold and die. The best temperature for boas is 85-95 degrees."

Blake says he is going to miss his pet when he has to give Lucifer up. But he says he will not buy another when he gets to his dad's new duty station. He says that Lucifer is like a beloved family dog or cat that died. Somehow another won't be the same.



Blake Wright shows his pet "Lucifer" to an admiring cameraman.

Mother's Day Special Main Post Exchange

Remember her or another loved one on Mother's Day, May 11, with a gift purchased from your exchange retail stores. And just to make certain you get more for your money and she gets more as a present . . . your exchange is allowing a 10 per cent discount on selected purchases made on Saturday, May 3, or on Saturday, May 10. Pick up your 10 per cent discount ticket at the door of the Main Exchange. Use it on any single item purchased.

Here are a few Mother's Day suggestions: Items that will really put your 10 per cent discount to work for you . . . a watch, a handbag, a small appliance, luggage, an electric typewriter, or even golf clubs for the sportive mom. Shop through various departments in the exchange. Buy something just a little bit nicer than you thought you could afford.

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LAIR's Horace Gardner at the net during the first round of the playoffs.

LAIR grabs volleyball crown, downs Western Recruiting

After losing the opening game, LAIR put together a solid offense to defeat Western Recruiting April 25 for the post intramural volleyball title.

LAIR dropped the first contest 15-9 to the fired-up Recruiters, but came back to win the next three 15-2, 15-11 and 15-11 for the best-of-five victory.

Earlier in the evening, Western Recruiting fought off an inexperienced but determined HHD 504th MP Battalion team 14-10, 15-11 to make it to the finals.

LAIR came into the final round of the double elimination tournament undefeated, but in the opening game it appeared they would not remain that way for long.

Playing a smart net game, the Recruiters jumped off to a quick 5-0 lead and ran the margin to 11-1 before LAIR got into the game. At that point, the champions scored four quick points to narrow the Recruiting lead to 11-5.

An out of bounds serve gave the ball back to Western Recruiting who scored three more unanswered points for a 14-5 lead. LAIR's spikers then went to work, tallying four times before losing the ball when Horace Gardner touched the net on a spike that would have scored.

LAIR appeared slow and disorganized in the early going. Many Recruiting spikes were hitting the floor without hardly an attempt being made to stop them.

On the other hand, Recruiting put on a dazzling

display at the net, spiking hard one time and softly the next to throw off LAIR's timing.

LAIR turned the tables in the second game, running over the Recruiters for an easy 15-2 victory. Low hard serves accounted for many of the champion's points as did the spiking of Dave Welsh who hit open spaces on the floor several times to keep the serve for his team.

Western Recruiting showed some good play but were only consistent enough to get the serve, not to score any points.

After a slow start, LAIR took a 10-5 lead in the third game and held on off a late Recruiting rush for a 15-11 win.

The setting of Alex Valentine was a key factor in the win, when the Recruiters threatened to take the lead after closing to 11-12. Valentine then set up four straight spikes for Gardner and LAIR coach Roco Smiljanic which ended the match at 15-11.

With their backs to the wall, the Recruiters mustered another late rally in the final game but were unable to overcome an early LAIR lead.

LAIR built a 10-2 lead before losing the ball on an errant serve by a substitute player. The Recruiters then scored six straight points to make it 10-8. LAIR got the serve once during that stretch but lost it on a disputed line call.

The serve changed hands three more times before LAIR finally triumphed 15-11.

SPORTS

Joe DiMaggio Team Fades

Chances appear slim that the Presidio will have an entry in the Bay Area Joe DiMaggio baseball league.

Only five teenagers have volunteered to play since the proposed team was announced two weeks ago.

Speculation has it that most of the eligible ball-players (16-18 years old) are hesitating to sign up because they are in the midst of their high school varsity and junior varsity seasons.

Organizer Ed Morrissey said he will have to give league officials a definite answer by May 10.

In Presidio youth baseball last weekend, the CYO and Cal-Pal teams slipped somewhat from their fast season start, winning only three of their six games.

Saturday, the Cal-Pal 13 year-olds dropped their first game of the season 8-4 to the Blanks. The 14 year-olds lost to the Spartans 7-4 while the 15 year-olds boosted their season record to 2-1 with an 8-2

win over the Hilltoppers.

In CYO competition, the Presidio 4th graders played St. Peters to a 0-0 seven-inning tie. The 5th graders bested Holy Name 11-5 and the undefeated 6th graders won their third straight, 5-3, from St. Vincent DePaul.

Softball Team Takes Another

Three homeruns lifted the Presidio softball team to a 10-0 shutout over the Ball Busters in the San Francisco City League Wednesday.

Mike McBee, Dick Zapata and Dennis Savage all connected for round trippers, while pitcher Craig Steen held the Busters to four hits in his fourth victory of the season.

The Presidio, 4-0, is now the only undefeated team in the league. Three games remain on this league's schedule.

Interservice Track Site

Sites for the 1975 Interservice Track Meet to be hosted by the Presidio this June are narrowing.

Plans are currently underway to schedule the event at Laney Junior College in Oakland. The only drawback is the lack of a throwing area for some of the field events.

Thus, those parts of the competition would have to be held at another facility, and U.C. Berkeley is being considered.

Ten members of the Army track team are scheduled to travel to the San Jose Invitational Track and Field Meet at San Jose State University tomorrow. Its field of entries is being billed as the best in the event's history.

CISM Basketball Team To Train Here

The U.S. Armed Forces basketball team will begin training here May 10 in preparation for the CISM Basketball Tournament in Greece this June.

Army's inter-service championship team is the core of the squad which also includes players from other service teams selected during the inter-service meet at Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif. last March.

The CISM (Council International Du Sport Militaire) games are a mili-counterpart to the Olympics. Teams represent the armed forces of nations from all over the world.

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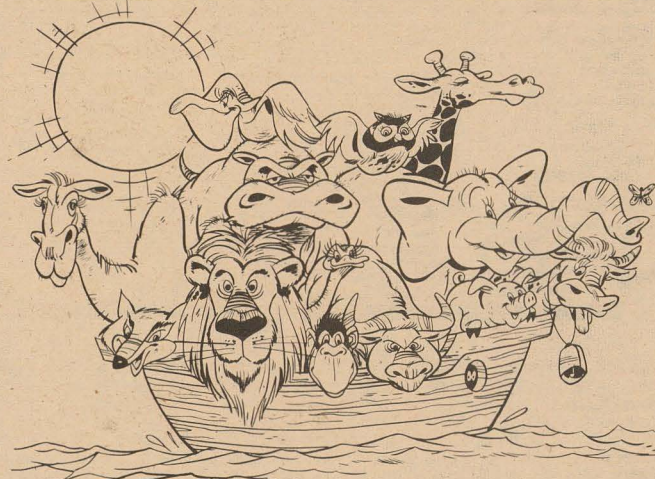
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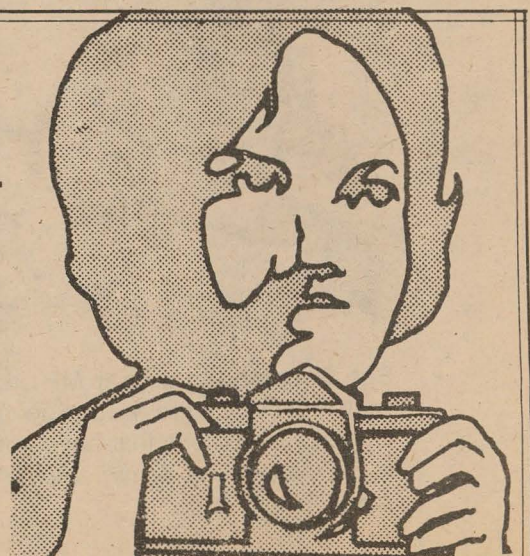
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FROM SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, WASHINGTON, D.C.
TO ALL Members of the United States Army

The American involvement in Vietnam has now ended. With that comes an end to another chapter in the great history of the United States Army. While the outcome is certainly not as we had hoped, the Army can justifiably be proud of its role in assisting the brave Vietnamese people in their struggle for self-determination and freedom. The sacrifices made by the men and women of all the Armed Forces in this effort unquestionably were greater than any other segment of our society. While we are all saddened by the outcome, our involvement in Vietnam was not for naught. Many valuable lessons were learned that will be of great assistance to us as we look toward the future.

We have made significant progress since the last Army units left South Vietnam. Though smaller, today's Army is manned with quality men and women, all of whom are volunteers. Our units are well trained and equipped and are combat ready. We are prepared to meet any challenge if called upon by the Commander-In-Chief.

However there is still much to be done. Rather than looking to the past, I encourage each of you to look to the challenges and opportunities of the future. With your continuing dedication, support and assistance, today's Army will be the finest in the Nation's history.

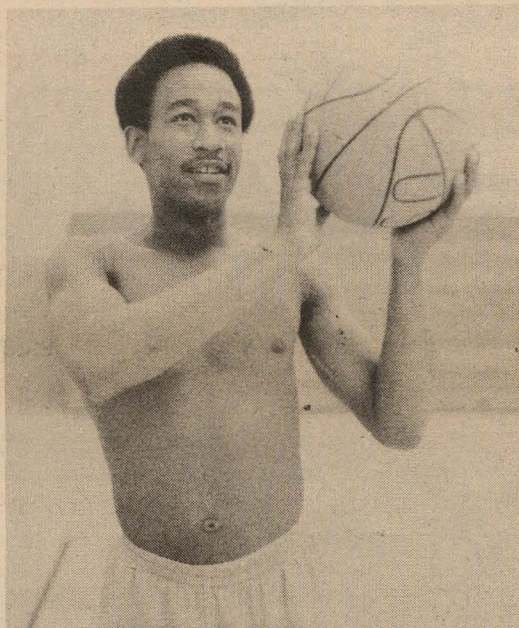
Ramblin' Sam Asks:

By C.D. Steen

"What suggestions would you make to improve the Army?"



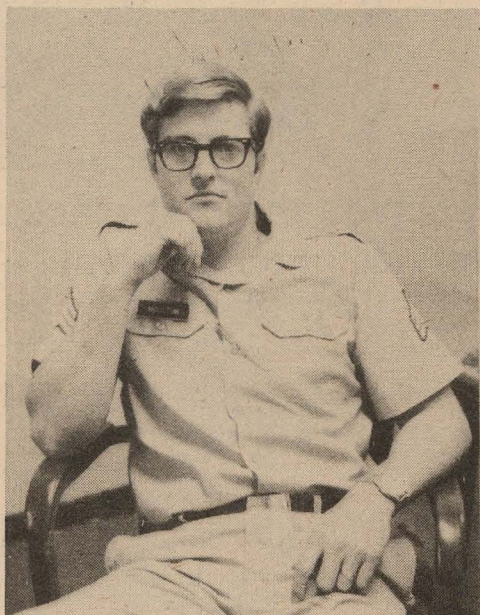
Major Joseph Koonin, executive officer, 504th MP Bn: "I would like to see those soldiers, who are making the Army a career, take on more of a prideful attitude, with a deeper sense of professionalism. The adage, 'A system is only as good as the people in it,' sure applies to the Army. If the soldier takes a good look at himself before he starts in with criticism about the things wrong with the Army, or some things that seem unfair, he may realize that he could be the cause of it."



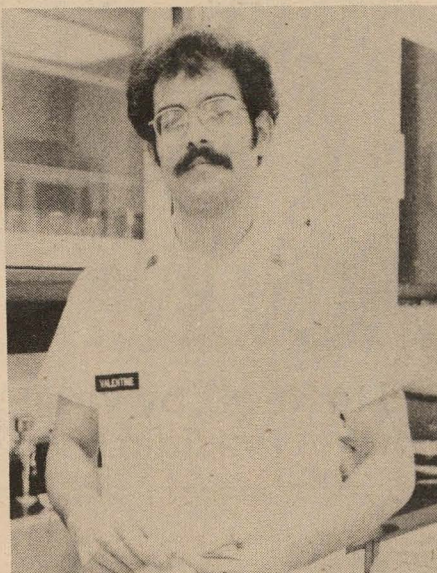
PFC Jyrone Ralston, candidate for the ARMY basketball team: "I think the Army is getting to be the way most people would like it to be. I don't think there is anymore to contribute to its betterment."



Sp4 Kathy Williams, behavior science specialist, Rap Center: "Though the Army is being paid closer to its civilian counterpart, it would sure help soldiers in the lower enlisted grades if we could be paid according to where we are assigned. A Sp4 in Washington, DC, especially a married one, has a time of it trying to make ends meet there, while someone else with the same grade assigned to a lower cost of living area, such as somewhere in Kentucky, could get by easily. Pay usually isn't adjusted and I think it should be."



Sgt. Gary Moulton, 170th MP Co.: "I wish policy-makers would do away with old regulations that have nothing to do with today's Army, and enforce regulations that do."



Sp5 Alex Valentine, senior laboratory specialist, LAIR: "One idea I think would lend a higher morale to most people in the Army is allow them to choose where they would prefer to be assigned in the States. A person might give his right arm to be assigned on the west coast, but end up on the east. A person on the west coast, with a same MOS, might feel the same about getting to the east coast. Why not keep soldiers happy and let them choose?"



PFC Walter Gorham, 504th MP Bn: "I think the Army should allow the enlisted man a bigger voice in what way and how Army policies are to be implemented."

News in Brief

Temporary Road Closing

From 12 noon, May 16 until 8 p.m., May 18, Washington Blvd. from Kobbe Avenue to West Compton Road, and Harrison Blvd. will be closed to through traffic because of activities associated with Campex-West. Road blocks will be located at Kobbe at Washington, Harrison at Kobbe, and Washington at West Compton.

Take Stock

"Take stock in America" is the central theme of the U.S. Savings Bond campaign recently launched at the Presidio.

During the campaign, all personnel will be contacted individually to insure that each of them is aware of the merits of the payroll savings plan for civilian employees and the military bond allotment plan for military personnel.

All members of the Presidio community are urged to support the campaign.

Potluck Dinner

The Golden Gate Chapter Non-Commissioned Officers Association and Womens Auxiliary will have a potluck dinner along with their monthly meeting May 15 at the Presidio Service Club (Bldg. 135) at 6:30 p.m. All NCOs (E-4s and above) and their wives are welcome. Bring your favorite dish. Free babysitting. Contact Mrs. Lary Hudson at Extension 4867 for more information.

Anniversary of Women's Army Corps

Congratulations are extended to the Women's Army Corps (WAC) on the occasion of its 33rd anniversary, May 14. Throughout the history of the Women's Army Corps, its members have served our nation with pride and dedication. We wish you continued success in attaining future goals and in meeting the challenges encountered in these historic times for the Women's Army Corps.

Federal Women's Program Meeting

A meeting for all volunteers of the Presidio Federal Women's Program will be held Thursday, May 15, 4:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center, Building 135. An introductory explanation of the Federal Women's Program on post will be presented at this time. Current projects include education courses, guest speaker series, film and discussion series, and publicity and art work. Men and women interested in sharing their creativity and some of their free time are invited. For additional information, contact Holly Handler, Building 1216, ext. 4900/4445.

Transactional Analysis Back By Popular Demand

Due to the tremendous success of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program's eight-part series on Transactional Analysis, the series started again May 2. Movies are being shown every Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 201. Anyone interested in psychology, counseling theories and social work are encouraged to attend. Since seating is limited, please call Extension 2663 to insure admission. The current series ends June 20.

The schedule is as follows: May 9, Transactions; May 16, Strokes; May 23, Time Structures; May 30, Feelings; June 6, Games; June 13, Acquiring Life Scripts and June 20, Changing Life Scripts.

Community Council Meeting

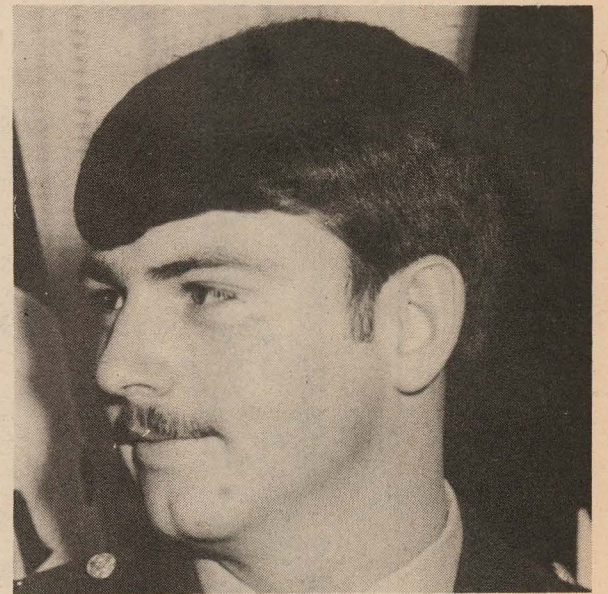
There will be a Presidio Community Council meeting from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. in the conference room of the Post Headquarters (Bldg. 220) on May 14. All neighborhood council representatives and interested persons are invited to attend.

Letterman soldier cited for heroism

SP5 Mark A. Cain, a clinical specialist assigned to Letterman Army Medical Center, received the Army Commendation Medal Tuesday for his heroic attempt to rescue a man trapped in a flaming wrecked automobile.

Cain was enroute from his San Rafael home to the Presidio when he saw the wrecked car. He and two other men ignored the flames and danger of explosion from the gas tank to pull out the body of the trapped man. They attempted to revive the man with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and external heart massage but failed.

Asked why he made the dangerous attempt, Cain said, "I did it because it's the only thing to do at a time like that."



Major changes to hit leave policy

Several major changes are in store for the Army's leave policies.

In one change, the so-called "day of grace" will end June 1. In the future, both the day of departure and the day of return will be charged as leave. As an accounting technique, the day of return is now considered a duty day.

Additionally, future PCS orders will authorize soldiers 30 days leave between assignments, with the exception of soldiers who have just entered active duty.

Also, when soldiers depart for or return from an overseas tour, they will be allowed four days of "proceed time." This time will not be charged as leave and is in addition to travel time. Proceed time is designed to give a soldier more time to take care of personal affairs at either the departure or arrival point of the overseas tour.

Later this year, the Department of Defense will submit legislation to Congress that will equalize officer and enlisted reimbursement for unused leave. Enlisted soldiers are now permitted to "sell back" unused leave at the end of each enlistment.

The new legislation would limit reimbursement for unused leave to 60 days — collectable at separa-

tion, retirement or at time of reenlistment. This legislation, if passed, will also increase BAS and BAQ accrued leave payments for soldiers.

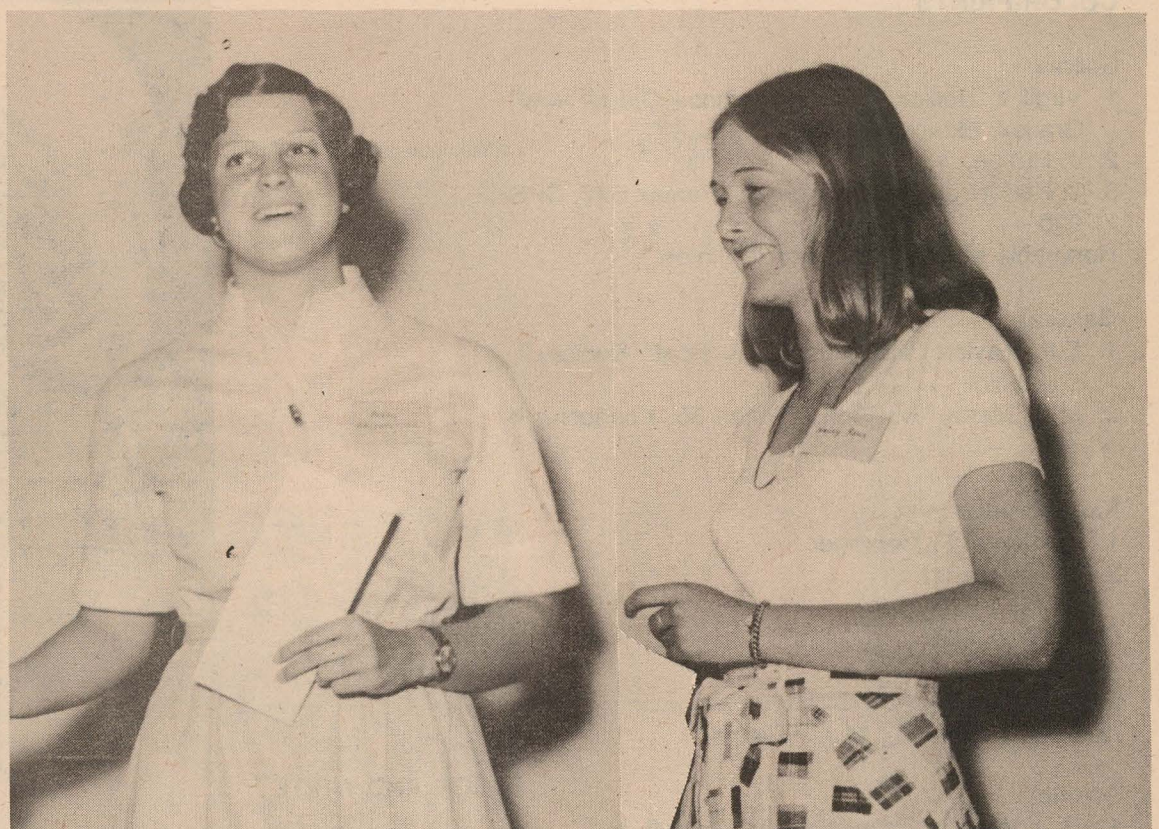
These steps are being taken because many soldiers now carry high leave balances which at separation translate into costly payments for unused leave balances. These high leave balances and accrued leave payments are far in excess of what could be reasonably accumulated because leave was denied due to military necessity.

The Army is also emphasizing that each soldier must be given the opportunity to use at least 30 days each fiscal year. One period of leave is to be for at least 14 days; other periods of leave will be used to give soldiers a frequent break from the work routine.

Leave programs and schedules are to give soldiers an opportunity to take leave in line with their desires. To this end, leave policies are now a matter of IG interest.

The thrust of the Army's new leave policies is to gradually reduce large accrued leave balances during the next few years.

The changes in these policies are detailed in forthcoming changes to AR 63-5 that will go into effect June 1.



The Presidio Women's Club recently awarded \$500 scholarships to Peggy Erlenkotter (left) and Nancy Ann Ross (right). Miss Erlenkotter plans to work in business in an oversea area after graduation from college. Miss Ross will pursue a career in either International Relations or Law.

The scholarships were awarded to the two dependents on the basis of outstanding scholarship, leadership, citizenship and accomplishment.

Top photos in 1975 Contest



The Presidio level of the 1975 Interservice Photography Contest ended last week. Award-winning photos in this contest will be entered in the All-Army photo judging which will be conducted in October at a yet undetermined site.

Space and methods of reproduction do not permit all of the award-winning photos to be printed but the winners in each category are listed below.

COLOR PRINTS

Scenic

1. Virgil V. Becker, "San Francisco—Old to New" Graflex, Ektacolor, 6102
2. J. Hutton, Jr.
3. J. Hutton, Jr., "Running Free" Pentax 6X7, CPS 220

Honorable Mention: Edward A. Simon

General

1. E.P. Taylor, "Hibiscus On A Boat" Konica II, Kodacolor
2. M.C. Martz, "My-Son" Pentax 35, Kodacolor II

Experimental

1. Waldemar F. Henniger
2. Melvin Martz

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Honorable Mention: M.J. Williams.

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1. M. J. Williams, "Pipeline" Nikkormatt, K-II
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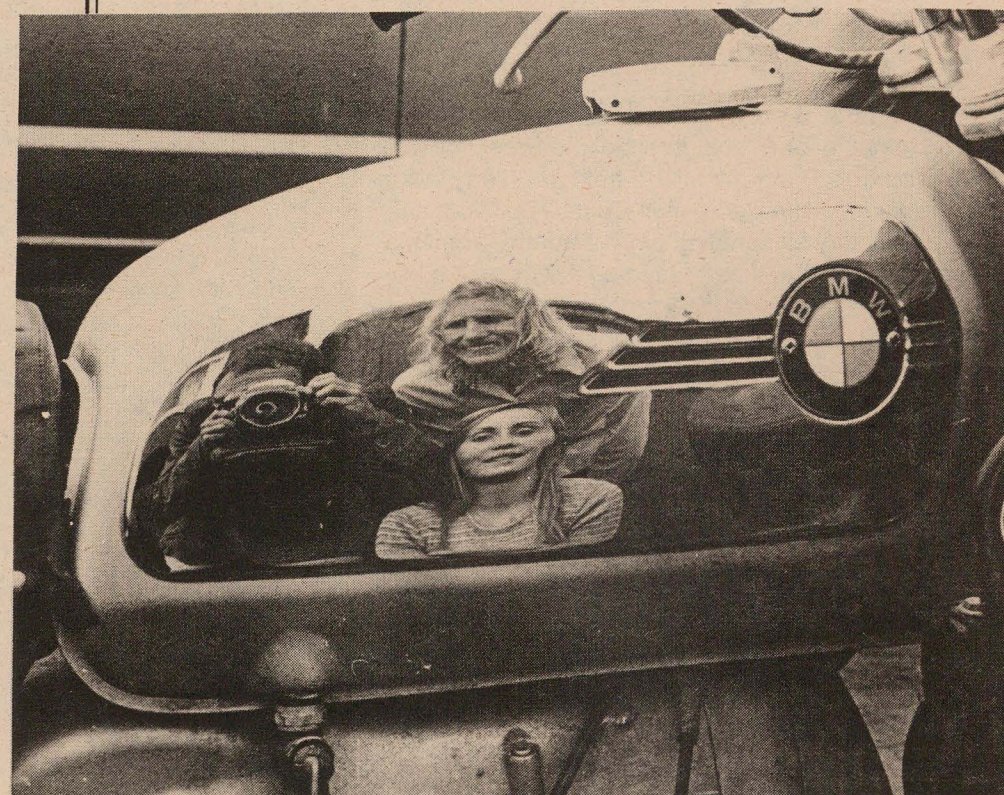
Picture Study

1. John E. Hutton, Jr., Sailboats ("Trimming In") Pentax 6x7, PXP 220

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1. Clifford Smith, "BMW" Nikkormat, Tri-X

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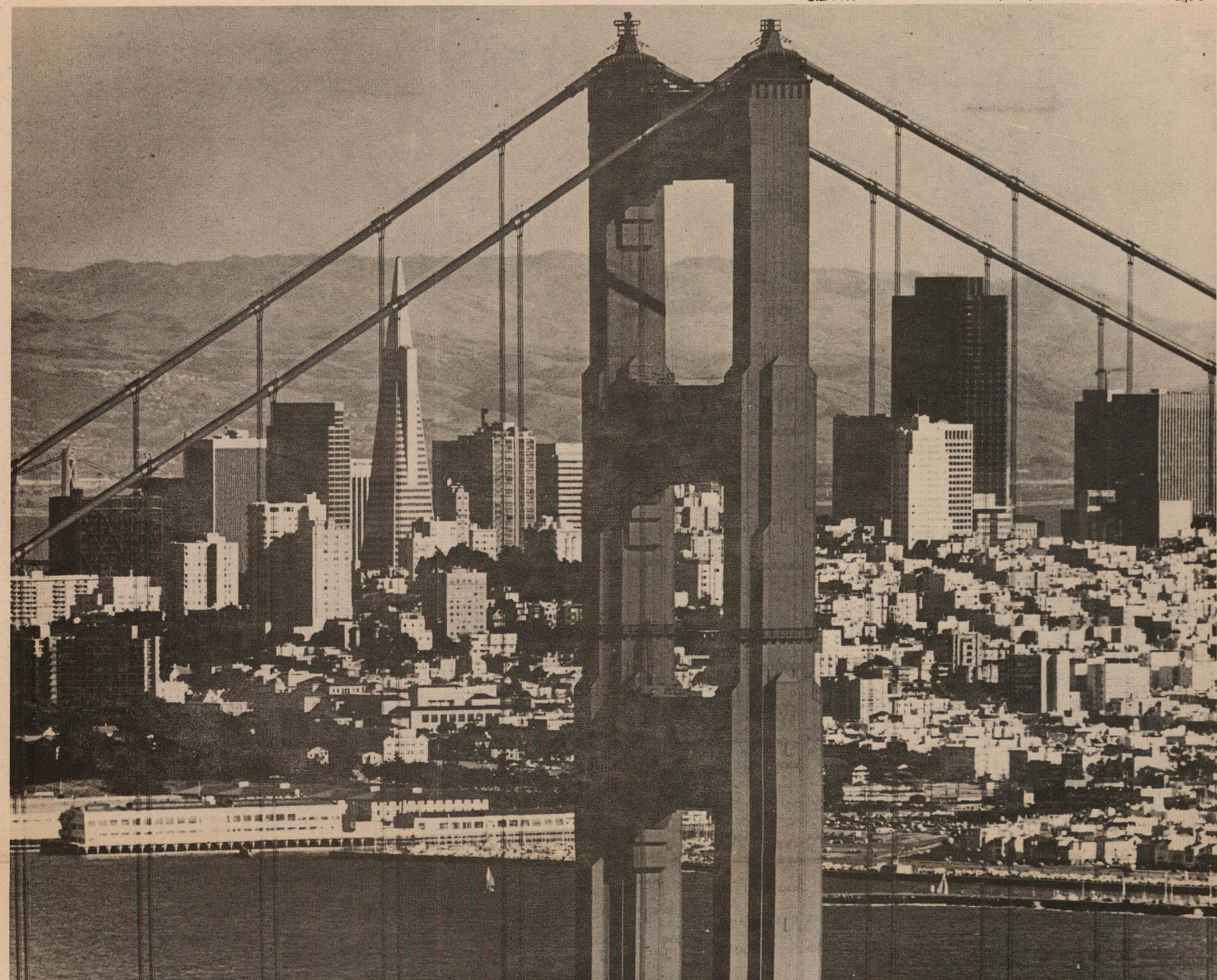
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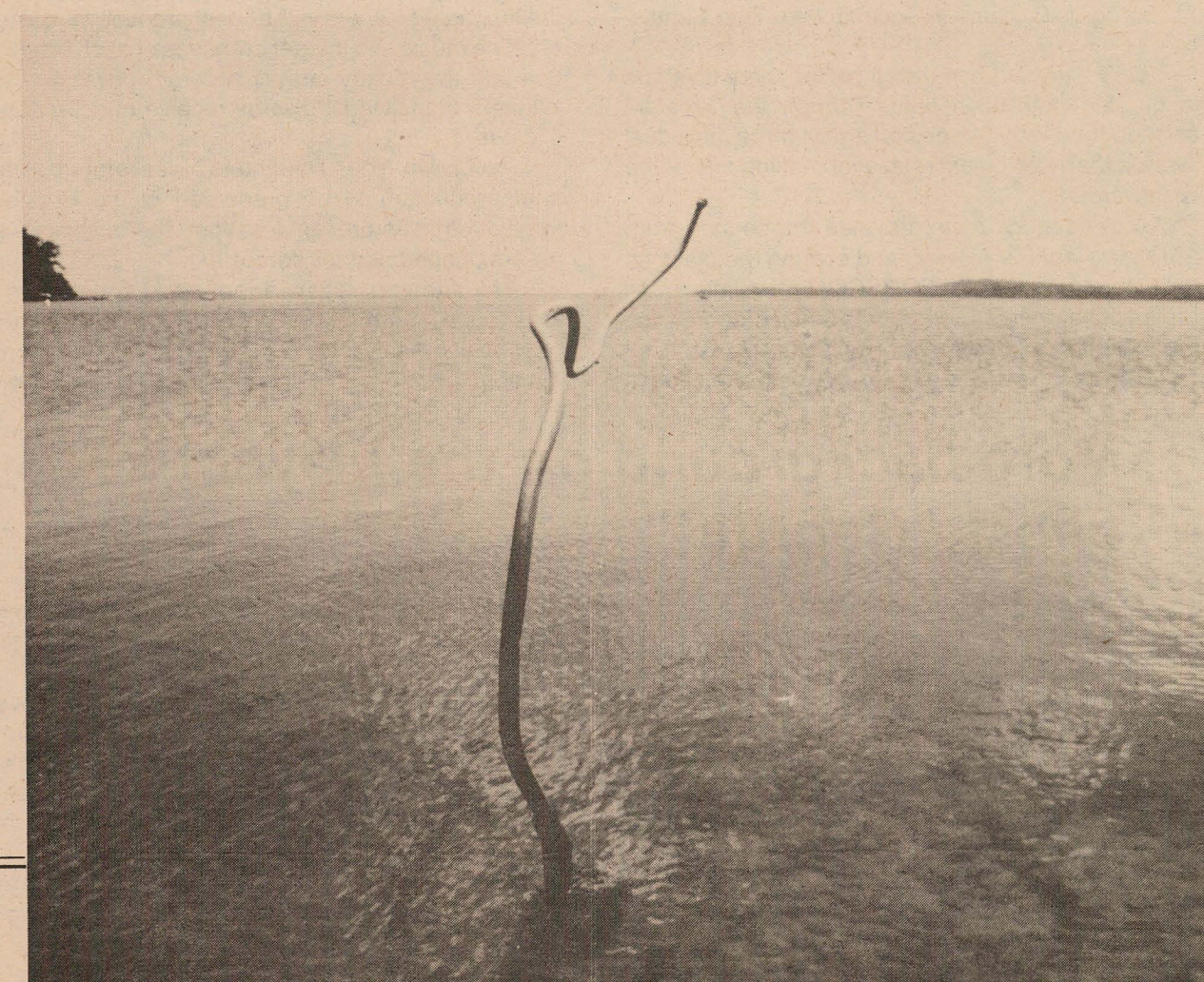
1. John E. Hutton, Jr., "Towers" Pentax 6x7, Panatomic-X 120

General

1. Antonio C. Reyes
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- Honorable Mention: John E. Hutton, Jr. "Determination" Pentax 6x7, PXP 120



Towers by J. Hutton, Jr.



**Pipeline by
M. J. Williams**



The cast of "Lock Up Your Daughters."

"Lock Up Your Daughters" third in FORSCOM play contest

"Lock Up Your Daughters," the British musical comedy which closed last week at the Presidio Playhouse, made a strong showing in the 1975 FORSCOM Tournament of Plays, finishing third in

Best Production and sweeping a host of individual awards.

Presidio's Ann Homrighausen was named best supporting actress for her role as Mrs. Squeezum in the adaptation of Henry Fielding's "Rape Upon Rape."

Ft. Hood, Tex. finished first in the balloting for Best Production with its version of "Of Thee I Sing." Ft. Bragg, N.C. came in second with "The Fantastics."

Only 21 points separated the top three finishers in the ten-installation field. Though the Presidio finished third with 546 points, it won more individual awards than any other installation, taking five of the ten awarded.

A three-judge panel traveled the country from April 11 to April 27 viewing and scoring the plays as they were presented at FORSCOM installations. All professional theater people, the judges scored the productions on interpretation and technical aspects.

Besides Best Supporting Actress, the judges

awarded the Presidio Player's production of Best Choreography, Best Set Design, Best Lighting Design and Best Costume Design.

Last year, the Presidio swept every individual award except one with its production of "The Madwoman of Chaillot." That play was also voted best production.

FORSCOM awards \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 to the top three finishers in the "best production" category. The music and theater branches of each installation use the money in their program development. Winners of individual awards receive honorary certificates.

"Lock Up Your Daughters" was probably the final production to be presented in the Presidio Playhouse at its present location. The building is in an area scheduled for demolition.

No site has been announced for the new Playhouse. Information is expected shortly about the new location and tryouts for the theater's next production.

More background on the playhouse ghost "George"

"George," the patron ghost of the Presidio Playhouse, materialized last week in the mind of at least one Presidian who was present when the legend began.

Mr. George K. Provoo, now public affairs officer at Letterman Hospital, was personnel sergeant major at Letterman when a soldier hung himself from a beam in the Presidio Playhouse building around the time of the Korean War.

Mr. Provoo relates the following story: "The soldier was a young enlisted man and was being treated on the psychiatric ward. The troubled man eluded medical corpsman one day and disappeared. When he wasn't found in 10 days, he was dropped from the hospital roster and declared AWOL.

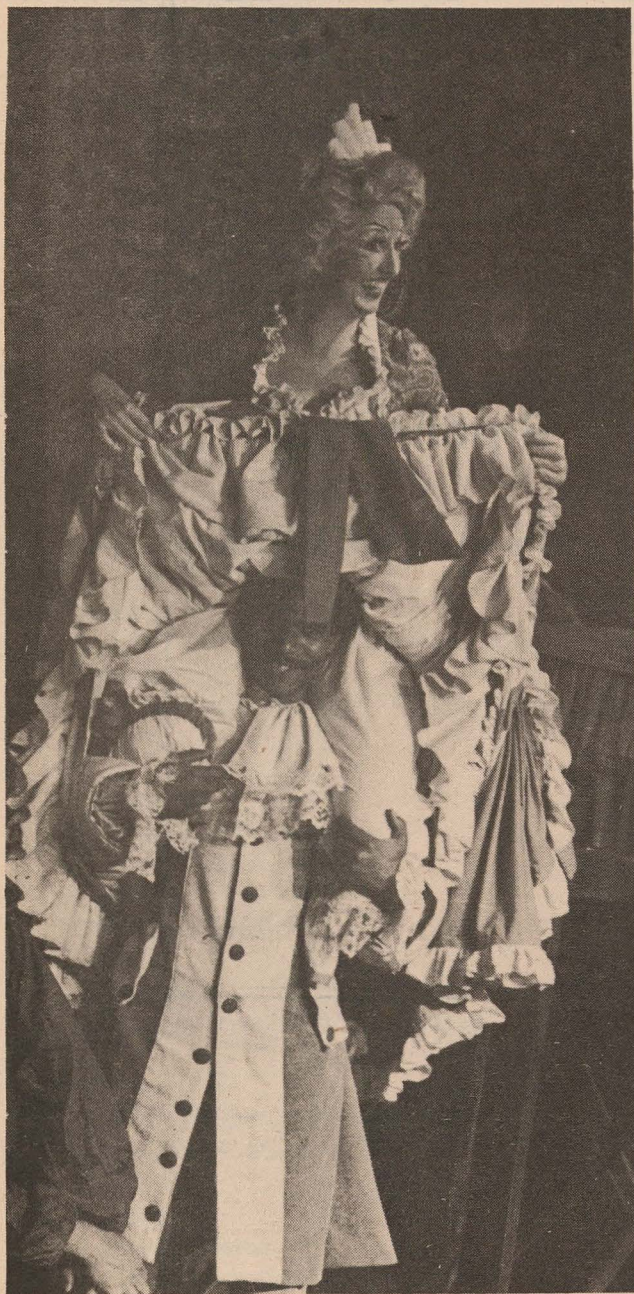
"Nearly six weeks later, the Presidio Fire Department, while on a routine fire inspection tour, decided to check the then boarded and abandoned

Presidio Theater. When the firemen finally gained entrance, they were shocked to find a man hanging from a support beam dead-center of stage.

"It was later determined by medical corps doctor that it was the same soldier who disappeared from the psychiatric ward. By the victim's condition it was determined that he had hung himself shortly after escaping. To this day, no one knows how he got into the tightly boarded-up building."

Mr. Provoo said that he was a firm believer in ghosts, and when asked if he thinks that "George" really exists, he said confidently, "I don't doubt it in the least."

"George" made himself known to the public at large last week in an article done about him in the Star Presidian. For years, he has been used by Presidio Playhouse production staffs to explain strange occurrences in the theater building.



Ann Homrighausen as Mrs. Squeezum

SPORTS

Intramural Softball Starts Monday

Garrison, LAIR, Med Lab and the 864th Engineers will start off the 1975 intramural slow pitch softball season Monday night on the Ft. Scott Fields.

Garrison and LAIR will square off on Field 1 at 5:30 p.m. with Med Lab and the 864th meeting at the same time on Field 2.

At 6:45 p.m., the defending league champions, Letterman, will play the 402nd MP Company while the Armed Forces Police Detachment takes on Readiness Region IX.

Sixteen teams signed up for this year's competition. Games are scheduled every Monday and Wednesday night through the end of August.

Rain Stops Youth Games

Rain washed out all but one of the CYO and Cal-Pal baseball games scheduled for Presidio team's last weekend. In the one contest that did go on as scheduled, the CYO 5th graders played St. Cecilia to an 8-8 tie.

Standings as of April 30 showed all three Presidio teams on or near the top of their leagues. The 4th graders were in second, one point behind Holy Name; the 5th graders trailed league-

leading St. Cecilia by two points and the 6th graders were tied with St. Monica's for first. CYO teams get two points for a win and one for a tie.

Letterman Wins Bowling Title

Letterman recently won the Ft. Scott League intramural bowling title, besting the 864th Engineers and Med Lab who tied for second.

Earlier, Support Element won the Presidio League crown. The FORSCOM-West Bowling Tournament delayed by a week the closing of the Ft. Scott circuit.

Ft. Scott League (final)		
	Won	Lost
Letterman	88	20
864th Engineers	77	31
Med Lab	77	31
Support Element No. 2	75	33
Mil-Pac 6	57	51
163rd MP Detachment	56	52
402nd MP Company	42	66
16th Base Post Office	25	81
Armed Forces Police No. 2	15	93

Post team wins another

The Presidio softball team had an easy time whipping the hapless CBC-Weco Expos Tuesday, as the Post team steamrollered CBC 18-4. The win makes it five straight for Presidio.

Army man tops San Jose track meet

Tommy Haynes, who is training here with the Army track team, was named the outstanding field athlete at the San Jose Invitational Track and Field Meet last week.

Haynes broke meet records in both the long and triple jumps with marks of 26'3" and 54'2", respectively.

Bill Diehl and Bill Schuff, two other Army athletes, finished one-two in the hammer throw while the Presidio's Mike Louisiana placed third with the discus.

Haynes, who was recently named to a U.S. track team that will tour China later this month, stole meet honors from several other nationally known track stars. The 1974 NCAA indoor champion also had a long jump of 26'8" and a triple jump of 54'8" that did not count for records because of a strong tailwind.

Meet officials awarded the outstanding track athlete to sprinter Steve Williams. Williams ran a 9.2 in the 100-yard dash.

Mike Louisiana's throw of 195'1" was his best competitive mark in recent memory. The former Brigham Young

University star had been performing below expectations for more than a year. His throw Saturday was only two-feet, four-inches short of his personal best (197'5") with which he won an NCAA title.

In other track news, another Army athlete, sprinter Leonard Turner, was named to the U.S. team visiting China. That raises to five the number of Army track men making the tour.

Turner and four of his teammates will come West this weekend to join the remainder of the Army team training here for the upcoming inter-service meet at the beginning of June. The five athletes have been training at Ft. Meade, Md. along with several other candidates who were cut from the team.

Army will send ten men to the prestigious West Coast Relays tomorrow (Saturday) at Fresno. Some of the nations top track stars, including contingents from U.C.L.A. and the University of Southern California, are expected for the 48th annual running of the event.

Steelheads endangered by small boys

(Calif. Department of Fish and Game) — In the Spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to fishing.

That's just great, says the California Department of Fish and Game, but it seems that many young men along the north coast jump the season a bit.

Many small boys (and some not so small) intercept juvenile steelhead trout each spring before they have a chance to migrate to the ocean, and the Department of Fish and Game is appealing to parents to tell their children that this activity is not only illegal, but a "no-no" if one adheres to a conservation ethic.

The Fish and Game Commission and the De-

partment have taken action in recent years to improve the steelhead resource along the north coast.

The beginning of the trout fishing season in this area has been put back one month to May 24 to give more of the young steelhead a chance to escape to the sea. In addition, several million steelhead are being artificially reared for release in coastal waters, and laws regarding stream damage and pollution are being actively enforced by state game wardens.

In some coastal streams hundreds of yearling steelhead can be found congregated in shallow pools prior to their migration to the ocean.

All those frisky five or six-inch "trout" so readily available are almost irresistible to a boy and, according to DFG wardens, the boys catch them by the thousands. They catch them with hook and line, with nets, buckets, or simply with their hands.

By so doing, the youngsters interrupt the life cycle of the steelhead which would normally return to the same stream to spawn after two or three years of growth in the ocean.

"The greatest value of this marvelous resource is in the returning adult steelhead, and to insure a continuation of this resource we should take all necessary steps to protect the juvenile fish," said a Department representative. Since a very small percentage of the fish survive the perils of the sea, it is important that large numbers of juvenile steelhead be

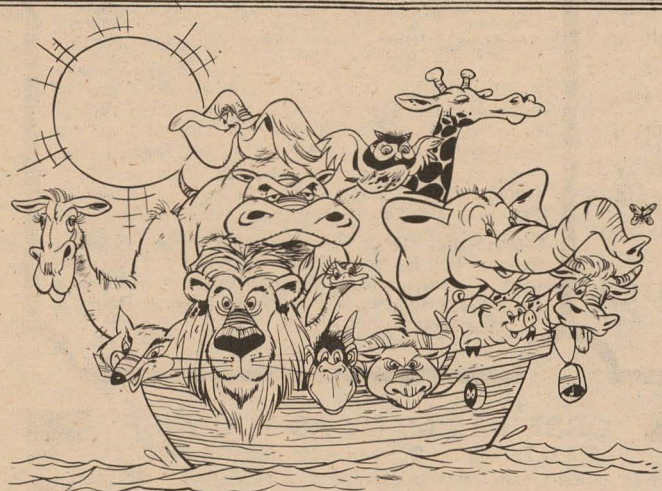
permitted to reach the sea in the beginning.

Steelhead, which are rainbow trout hatched in streams and raised in the ocean, once were plentiful in northern California coastal streams. The major rivers and their tributaries were alive with the scrappy fish during the spawning season.

Sometimes as big as 30 pounds, but usually weighing between two and ten pounds, these seagoing trout have long been a sportsman's favorite and a great recreation and economic asset to the north coastal region.

But, starting with the gold rush and continuing through California's modern period of rapid development and exploding population, the steelhead fishery has declined. The major factors in this decline were water diversions, water pollution, the removal of riparian cover, and the actual destruction of streams by activities of man. Downstream migrant steelhead need to be protected so that as many as possible can reach the ocean.

The Department appeals to parents to check on the fishing activities of their children in coastal streams and not let them violate the fish and game regulations. "It is good sportsmanship and good conservation not to violate these regulations regardless of age, and it is important that parents not allow their children to fish in closed waters," said a Department spokesman.



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Fisher selected as Soldier of Month

Nutrition plays a major role in the job of SP4 Dennis M. Fisher, May's Soldier of the Month. Fisher, a biological science assistant assigned to Letterman Army Institute of Research, analyzes vitamins for nutritional value and composites.

The 22-year-old native of Goose Bay, South Carolina, graduated from the University of Tampa, Florida in 1974. A member of Alpha Delta Chi (National Honor Society) and Omicron Delta Kappa (National Honorary Leadership Fraternity), Fisher states his plans for the future include returning to graduate school. His recreational activities are bicycling, hockey and painting miniature soldiers.

As Soldier of the Month, Fisher received a \$50 savings bond, letter of commendation, and a three-day pass from LAIR and a three-day pass, watch and letter of commendation from Post.

ROTC scholarships await applicants

Up to 300 Army ROTC four-year scholarships will be awarded this year during an early selection cycle.

The application period for this early cycle began April 1 and will remain open until August 31. Winners will be announced October 15, giving recipients of the award an opportunity to complete their college plans shortly after beginning their senior year of high school.

Applicants not selected in the early cycle will have a second chance. Their applications will be reconsidered during the regular selection cycle which closes December 1. Announcement of these winners will be made in April 1976.

Army four-year scholarships may be used at any of the 287 colleges and universities which will host the Army ROTC program in school year 1975-76. School admission requirements are the responsibility of individuals selected.

Detailed information and scholarship applications may be obtained by contacting Capt. Joe D'Angelo, University of San Francisco, 666-6405.

Summer education courses offered

Summer on post courses from San Francisco State University will be given June 2 - July 24. Courses offered are: Home Economics 253 — Nutrition in Health and Disease, Monday and Wednesday; Psychology 305 — Introduction to Transactional Analysis, Tuesday and Thursday; Business 411 — Organizational Behavior, Monday and Wednesday; Anthology 100 — General Physical Anthropology, Tuesday and Thursday; Film 101 — Introduction to Film, Tuesday and Thursday.

All courses meet 6 - 9 p.m.

Enrollment is open to all military personnel and civilians over 18 years of age. Tuition is \$84 for both state residents and non-residents. Tuition assistance is available for qualified active duty military personnel.

Interested persons should enroll early to insure a place in class. Further details may be obtained from the Fort Scott Education Center, Bldg. 1216, telephone 2974/4445 or the LAMC Education Center, Bldg. 1007, telephone 3693/4030.

Hope for the Nations

"Hope for the Nations," a concert featuring the best of Gospel music will be held in Golden Gate Park Band Shell, 12 noon to 3 p.m., May 24. All members of the Presidio community and surrounding areas are cordially invited to attend this inspiring musical event.

Presidio launches cleanup campaign

The Presidio will conduct a spring clean-up campaign May 12 - 16.

Colonel Robert V. Kane, post commander, has directed Presidio units to permit personnel residing in government quarters sufficient time off during that week to support the program in military housing areas. Commanders of tenant units on the installation are encouraged to follow the same program.

The Directorate of Facilities Engineering has scheduled trucks for special trash and debris removal pick-ups in the housing areas for afternoons that will correspond with the time-off schedule for housing occupants.

In addition to a general clean-up of the installation, housing occupants are being encouraged to make a concerted effort to beautify the area surrounding their individual family housing units.

Residents are urged to dispose of their aluminum cans and paper by taking them to the Recycling Center, Bldg. 204. The center is usually open the first and third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first and third Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Forts Barry, Baker and Cronkhite will also take part in the clean-up as a general effort will be made throughout all the facilities and tenant units of the Presidio to improve the environment.

Army-wide locator service leaves Presidio

After June 1, people and organizations at the Presidio will have to call new telephone numbers or send their inquiries for world-wide active Army locator service to new addresses. The Presidio based US Army Military Personnel Accounting Activity VI, also known as "MILPAC," will discontinue this service on May 30 according to a MILPERCEN message.

The MILPAC, a MILPERCEN field activity, not only has provided western CONUS with locator service in the past, but was also the central hub of area Personnel Information System data processing. In April the new SIDPERS automated personnel system was changed to a direct reporting mode CONUS-wide. Installations began reporting their military personnel status changes direct to the Military Personnel Center computer system, by passing the intermediate level MILPAC system.

Major A. C. Nilsen, the local MILPAC commander, said his unit would be officially discontinued on

June 30. The unit's strength has been gradually phased down to a current strength of 18. Most of the civilian employees were reassigned to other Presidio activities.

Listed below are the new telephone numbers and addresses for world-wide locator inquiries, effective June 1:

(Officers) AUTOVON 221-9240 (7 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. EDST)

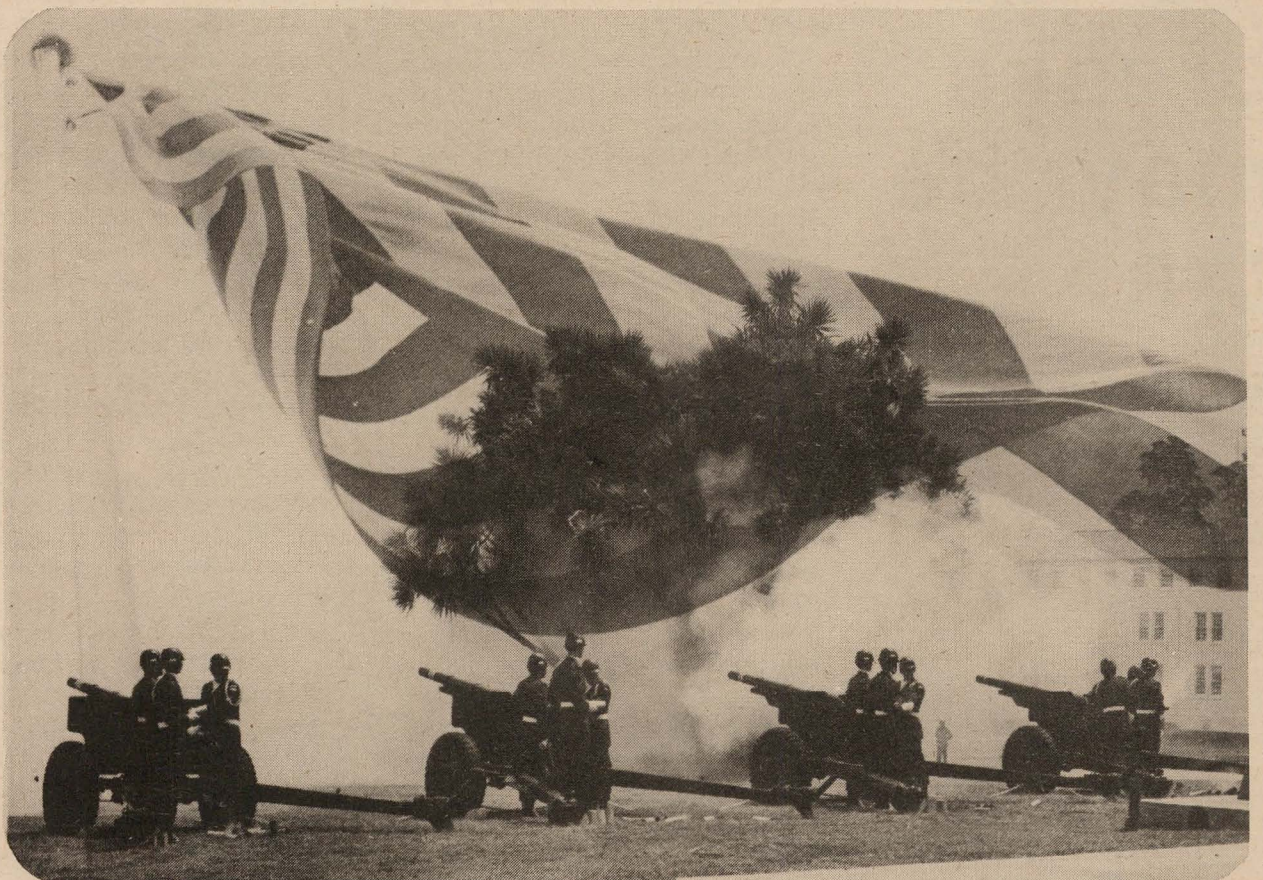
(Enlisted) AUTOVON 669-3054 (7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. CDST)

(Officers) Commander, US Army MILPERCEN, (DAPC-PAR-SL), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332.

(Enlisted) Commander, US Army Enlisted Records Center, (PCRC-RW), Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN 46249.

The world-wide service is separate from local Garrison locator service which is provided by the Adjutants Office.

Armed Forces Day '75



Tomorrow is Armed Forces Day 1975. Selected as a day when members of the Nation can pay tribute to men and women of the Armed Forces, this Armed Forces Day is unique. It occurs in the 200th year of American history, the bi-centennial.

Future issues of the Star Presidian will carry previews of the wide range of events planned to celebrate the bi-centennial. (Photo by Antonio Conde Reyes).

They serve the retiree

The focus is on people. The mainspring behind that focus is Robert L. Nightingale, retirement services officer at the Presidio. A distinguished-appearing man whose erect military bearing indicate his own years of military service, Nightingale and Audri Marx, retirement services specialist, add the elements of efficiency and concern to the Retirement Services Program.

Retired soldiers, widows of deceased retired soldiers, and soldiers preparing for retirement are the focal point of the program. It helps prepare them for retirement and a possible second career and provides retirees a way of communicating with the Active Army.

"Retirement is a personal matter and the problems related to it are personal," Nightingale said. "Therefore, our program is based upon personal approach. Before retiring, personalized service helps soldiers solve problems connected with their transition to civilian life.

"One of the methods we use is the biannual preretirement counseling session. The counseling session is open to all military persons who plan on retiring soon. Representatives from several pertinent agencies provide individual and small group counseling at these meetings. The agencies usually include the Veterans Administration, Social Security, California Employment, Civil Service Commission, and other agencies.

The biannual preretirement counseling program is well rounded to include an array of representatives to acquaint the retiring members with such matters as rights, benefits, and privileges to which they are entitled upon retirement.

"Counselors provide information and publications concerning benefits available to retired service members and civilian employment opportunities available to the retiree.

"Our entire counseling program is designed to help military personnel make a smooth and successful transition into civilian life," Nightingale stated.

The retirement world can be confusing. Many retirees don't realize that a Regular Army enlisted soldier who voluntarily retires with at least 20 but less than 30 years of active duty automatically becomes a member of the Army Reserve. He is assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Retired).

During assignment to the Retired Reserve, the member may be required to perform such active duty as may be prescribed by law. After completing 30 years of active and inactive service combined, he is eligible for discharge. But discharge is not automatic. A discharge is issued only upon the individual's written request.

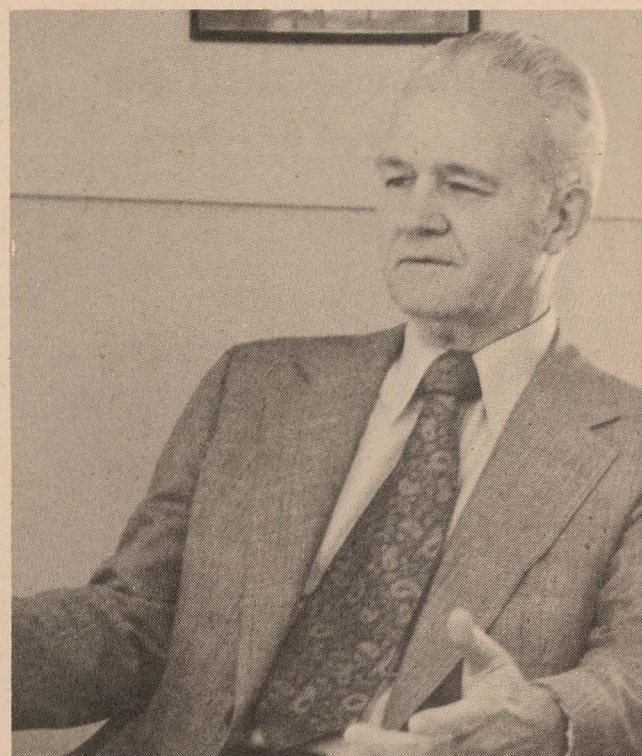
The Survivor Benefit Plan, SGLI and other insurance, medical and dental care for retirees, CHAMPUS and other programs can cause confusion for the uninitiated. Retirement Services Program insures that the retiree understands matters which will be important to him after retirement.

A second phase of the program is service to the military member who has already retired.

"Our service to the retired soldier runs a wide gamut," Nightingale says. We have the Presidio Retiree Council which gives us an insight into the needs and problems of retirees and gives them a way to communicate with the active Army. The council is composed of retirees representing a wide variety of officer and enlisted ranks. The council receives suggestions and ideas from retirees, retiree associations and other groups in our area of responsibility. Matters that can be handled at the local level of command and the Department of the Army level of command."

Mr. Nightingale has been appointed to the Department of the Army Retirement Council which meets twice a year in Washington, D.C.

"Our office is responsible for administering the Retired Services Program for northern California and all of Nevada. However, we often receive requests for help from retirees or widows of retirees in other areas, including other western states. When that happens, we give the person the help they're seeking and then refer them to the office in their own area for any additional help they may need."



"We reply to all telephone, mail or personal inquiries made by retirees and their dependents. A common problem we often help with concerns non-receipt of a retirement check. We have channels that cut through red tape and give the retiree quick assistance," Nightingale said.

"We also provide valuable information to retirees. Periodically we send out a newsletter informing retirees about what's happening in this area, such as matters of interest about the commissary, Post Exchange, medical service and other areas of importance to the retired person. We maintain a file of "Retired Army Bulletins" and "Retired Services Operations Letters" for ready reference by retirees."

Whether it is a request for information, a need for counseling or a plea for help, the Retirement Services Program, Bldg. 913, Presidio is ready, willing and able to meet the needs of the retiree.

'75 tax breaks may be '76 headache

Most of us will be getting fatter paychecks beginning this month and for the rest of the year as a result of the tax reduction law enacted in late March.

Income tax withholding will be reduced for the remaining seven months of 1975 and employers will be using new tables to compute the tax reduction.

The new income tax withholding rates for civilians will be reduced with the beginning of the pay period May 11-24. For military personnel, changes to JUMPS-Army income tax withholding tables were made May 1 by the Army Finance and Accounting Center, Indianapolis, Indiana.

However, soldiers should check the amount being withheld under the new tables. Some soldiers may have too much withheld, others may be underwithheld. Taxpayers who find too little is being withheld include couples in lower income brackets and persons who enter one or more extra exemptions on their withholding declarations. Adjustments to withholding may be made by completing a new Form W-4 at the Finance Office.

Reductions in tax withholding result primarily from:

*An increase in the low income allowance from \$1,300 to \$1,600 for a

single person (or head of household), and \$1,900 for a married couple filing a joint return.

*An increase in the standard deduction from 15 percent to 16 percent, with the maximum increased from \$2,000 to \$2,300 for a single person (or head of household), and to \$2,600 for a married couple filing a joint return.

*A new earned income tax credit with a maximum credit of \$400 which phases out completely when income reaches \$8,000. This credit applies to certain taxpayers who maintain a household that includes at least one of the taxpayer's dependent children who is under 19 years of age or is a student.

If you are in one of the following three categories, you, in particular, should check your withholding under the new tables and, if necessary, file a new Form W-4 (Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate).

The first category includes the great majority of people who have been "overwithheld" in the past. This occurs most frequently when there is one wage earner and the employee is not claiming all the withholding allowances to which they are entitled, or has four or more exemptions. These employees will continue to be overwithheld under the new tables and should consider filing a revised Form W-4, claiming additional withholding allowances.

The second category is married couples, when both spouses are employed. The withholding tables give each spouse the greater of the low income tax allowance or the percentage standard deduction. This may cause them to be "underwithheld" because, on a joint tax return, the couple is entitled to only one low income allowance or one percentage standard deduction. Any person who holds more than one job at a time is also in this category and will also be underwithheld.

The third group which should review its withholding includes people who now claim additional withholding allowances due to large itemized deductions. Under the new withholding rules, some of these people may no longer be entitled to as many withholding allowances for large itemized deductions as they are now claiming. A new table is on the back of the new Form W-4 to help people determine the correct number of withholding allowances for large itemized deductions to which they are now entitled. The old tables on the back of earlier versions of Form W-4 should not be used.

Further questions about your income tax withholding, may be answered by the Finance Office or the local Internal Revenue office.

ROTC: officers since 1819

By Dan Bowers

When the family budget is cut, educational funds won't be found in the same slice with tennis shoes and t-shirts. In some cases it won't be found in any slice at all.

There are alternatives: grants-in-aid, scholarships, tradeschools and technical colleges; but if the kids have their minds set on some serious book bending and no cash is available, something else needs to be stirring on the fund raising fire.

Reserve Officers Training Corps is one alternative to the budget pinch presently pushed by the U.S. Army.

Begun in 1819 by Captain Alden Partridge, the ROTC has grown from the American Literary, Scientific and Military Academy to a program shared with 209 major universities and 645 high schools.

Its ability to produce quality leadership noted 100,000 officers having served active duty by the end of World War II. In 1964 the program packed on beef when Congress finalized the ROTC Vitalization Act with the resultant majority of active Army officers today being graduates of the Reserve Officers program. Eight years after the signing women were invited into the system.

ROTC is basically a program in which the college student receives military training while he or she attends college. The cadet serves on active duty after graduation from college. In return, the government



Practicing field tactics during summer training.



Standing formation on the University of San Francisco campus.

pays a \$100 monthly subsistence fee and, in some cases, scholarships ranging up to the full cost of the cadet's education.

During college, the ROTC cadet supplements his curriculum with courses in leadership and military science. Uniforms are usually worn only to leadership labs, twice a-week meetings at which the students learn such basics as marching and field tactics.

Six-week summer camps can come twice in a cadet's college career. A basic course is given to those who do not attend enter the ROTC program until their junior years. An advanced camp is taken by all cadets following their junior year and helps prepare them for active duty.

What kind of officer does the ROTC program produce?

"He is definitely behind his counterpart from OCS at first because he doesn't have the Army experience," says Captain Donald White, information of-

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News in Brief

Temporary Road Closing

From 12 noon, May 16 until 8 p.m., May 18, Washington Blvd. from Kobbe Avenue to West Compton Road, and Harrison Blvd. will be closed to through traffic because of activities associated with Campex-West. Road blocks will be located at Kobbe at Washington, Harrison at Kobbe, and Washington at West Compton.

Enlisted Wives Club

The Presidio Enlisted Wives Club will host a Pot Luck luncheon on Monday, May 19, 1975 at 11:30 a.m., at the Presidio Religious Center. On behalf of all our members we wish to extend a warm welcome to all enlisted wives in this area to come out and join our club. This will be a great opportunity to meet and become acquainted with your neighbors.

Free babysitting will be provided. For further information please call Sue Wilson at 561-2347 or Herta M. Stuhler at 561-4090.

Alcatraz Tour

All military personnel and their dependents are invited to join the San Francisco USO when it tours Alcatraz on Saturday, May 24, at 12:30 p.m. The cost of the tour is \$2 and the reservations are limited. To make reservations, call the San Francisco USO at 621-0630.

AA meetings

Because of the increasing requests for an alternate Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting time, the Rap Center has added an extra meeting on Monday, 11:30 - 12 noon, Bldg. 201. For additional information, call 561-3753/2932.

Pilots Course Offered

A private pilots ground school course will be offered by the San Francisco Community College District at the Education Center in the Fall of 1975 if 25 or more people sign up for the course. Interested persons should contact the VOC/TECH department, extension 4900/4445. The ground school course will not include flight training.

Forever PFC?

After June 30, PFCs will have to wait at least three months longer to be promoted to E4. The new requirement will limit E4 advancements to E3s with at least 24 months time in service. The present time in service requirement is 21 months.

Waivers for E3s with outstanding leadership talents and 12 months in service will continue to be accepted.

The longer wait for E4 is designed to make Army time in service requirements compatible with those in other military services, but the Army is currently short about 10,000 E5s and 4,000 E4s. Accordingly, commanders have been urged to promote people from the secondary zone to the primary zone, so they will finish FY 75 much closer to authorization.

Songwriters' contest offers opportunity for amateurs

Amateur and professional songwriters in the military may now enter the American Songwriting Festival, the world's only international songwriting competition for military personnel. The competition, sponsored by the USO in cooperation with the American Song Festival, offers \$129,776 in cash prizes plus merchandise prizes, according to Barbara Mellin, program director, San Francisco USO. In addition it offers songwriters an opportunity to have their music exposed to leaders of the music industry.

"Anyone can enter the competition," Mrs. Mellin said. "They don't have to know how to write music. All they have to do is have their song recorded on a cassette tape. They can perform their song or have another person or group perform it."

The criteria for judging are: originality, composition and lyrical content when applicable. Elaborate instrumentation, vocal arrangement or production will have no bearing upon the judging. It's the song that counts. Every entry will be listened to by experts from a panel of leading music industry professionals. The songwriter's identity is kept secret to

insure impartiality and integrity. In the final competition, the judging will be conducted by a panel of internationally renowned composers, publishers, critics, artists, record executives and producers. An album of the winning songs will be produced, featuring top recording artists.

The competition embraces the entire spectrum of contemporary music with six categories: Rock, Easy Listening/Middle of the Road, Country, Folk, Soul and Rhythm and Blues, and Gospel. The songwriter may select one or more categories in which to enter the song or he may request that the judges select the category.

When entering the competition, the writer retains all rights to his song. All entrants will receive the official Songwriter's Handbook which provides information for songwriters including information concerning copyright laws, publishing, performing rights, mechanical rights and other details.

Recorded cassettes and accompanying material must be postmarked by June 3, 1975. Entry forms and complete instructions are available to military personnel and dependents at the San Francisco USO, 1019 Market Street.

Action Line

Q.—The bus which picks up school children at Kobbe Avenue now stops so that children must cross the street in order to board. I'd like to see the bus re-routed so that it can stop on the sidewalk side of the street.

Major Carrol

A.—The safety manager has investigated this school bus stop on several occasions in the past. As the result of his investigation, a crosswalk and pedestrian crossing was painted on the street. Signs have been ordered to be posted above and below the crosswalk stating "School Bus Stop Ahead."

Changing the school bus stop to the sidewalk side of the street would place the school bus halted on a blind curve and could

cause a serious automobile accident.

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Safety Manager

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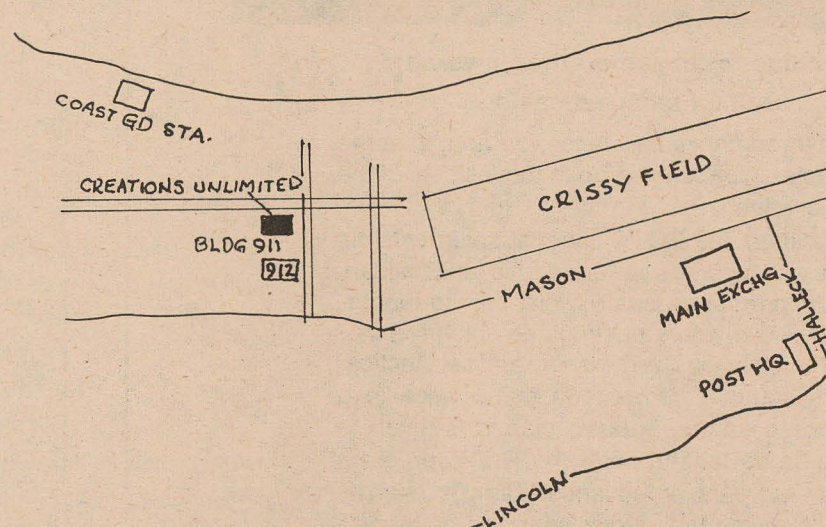
"We're glad you asked this question" is the theme of Action Line, the command's hot line to answer questions and receive comments and suggestions that cannot be handled through the chain of command.

Any member of the Presidio community that has a Presidio-related problem that can't be handled through the normal chain of command can telephone or write and get action.

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The adopted soldiers

by C. D. Steen

During the height of the United States involvement in the Vietnam War, a 16-year-old Vietnamese boy was befriended by an American master sergeant, Jerry S. Raynor. The friendship grew into a father-son relationship and proved to be a turning point in the life of the boy and the sergeant. In 1966, the Vietnamese boy was flown to the United States of America — as the newly adopted son of Master Sergeant Raynor.

A year earlier, in South Korea, an eight-year-old orphan girl played in the streets of Seoul. As a Korean orphan, her outlook on life was bleak, her future uncertain. Then she met Sergeant First Class Florentino Catudan. A magnetic love bloomed between them and the little girl was no longer to be a parentless child. In June 1965, she was whisked away by jet from her native country with her new adoptive father. Their destination was the United States; a land she had only heard of — the country of promised dreams.

Ten years have passed since the girl and the boy from two different countries were brought here. Through the years they have been accustomed to the American way of life and became as much a part of it as any native-born American youngster. When each reached adulthood, both decided to become what their fathers were — soldiers.

Today, Specialist 4 Trung Van Raynor, now 26, and PFC Florecita Grace Catudan (Mrs. Chatree Thongkham), 18, are assigned to the 6th U.S. Army Flight Detachment, Hamilton AFB, Novato, California. Trung is a helicopter crew chief, and Florecita, the only woman in the detachment, is a petroleum handler specialist.

Each has their own story to tell.

"I was living in the Delta with my parents and three brothers and sisters, when I met my foster father," explains Trung, a strong-looking man with rugged features and short-cropped hair. "We became close friends through the year, then I became like a son to him. I felt like he was another father. We would do things together and I would go with him when and wherever I could. He would tell me what life was like in the United States and I yearned to go there. When he asked me one day if I would like to go there as his adopted son, I almost cried with happiness."

Though it wasn't easy for Trung or his parents to part, both believed the sacrifice was worth it.

His first homes in America with his new parents were in Georgia, North Carolina, and Texas, which explains why he has a slight southern drawl mingled with his still noticeable Vietnamese accent.

Trung attended school in Saigon, and continued his education in America. He graduated from a Greenville, N.C. high school in 1969. By that time he felt as much an American as anyone.

After graduation, he went to Ft. Bliss, Texas with his parents and became a Vietnamese language instructor for three years. It was there that he met his wife, Huynh Hoa, also a Vietnamese language instructor.

A year later, he decided he liked what the Army had to offer and decided to enlist. After basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C., he attended the U. S. Army Aviation School, Ft. Rucker, Ala. He was assigned to his current unit in September 1973, where he is an OH-58A observation helicopter mechanic and crew chief.

Trung is concerned about what has happened in his native country and fears for his other family that he left behind. He has indicated that he wishes to return to see and help them. With the Communist takeover of South Vietnam, that may now be impossible. (As this story was being written, Trung was notified that relatives, who managed to escape the country, are now at Camp Pendleton and he has flown there to offer assistance. His immediate family and their whereabouts is uncertain at this time. This is according to Trung's NCOIC, Master Sergeant Edward Black.

PFC Florecita Grace Thongkham was almost indifferent to the quick pace of American life when she first arrived in this country. Unlike Trung, who was frightened of the bustling life style here at first, Florecita took it in stride.

"I marveled at the sky scrapers, the busy streets, and modern buildings and stores of Chicago's International Airport, where I landed," quipped the pretty woman, with long, shiny black hair, keeping it bundled up under her fatigue hat while working. "But I wasn't at all nervous about it. I just wanted to be with my new parents and settle down."

Florecita was at a disadvantage when she started second grade at a Ft. Hood, Texas school, where her father was assigned. She spoke no English. But with the help of her parents, teachers and friends, she picked up the language with marvelous speed. As she went through the grades she learned to speak and write English as well as anyone her age. Today she speaks without a hint of an accent and has completely forgotten her native tongue.

The only other language she understands (though she admits she can't speak) is Filipino. She learned to understand the language because her foster father is from the Philippines and he speaks the language occasionally.

Florecita finished school and, while visiting one of her foster cousins in San Francisco, she met her Thai husband who was a student at a local college.

After a few months of married life she thought a few years of service life would be something she wanted to experience. Her husband encouraged her.

"I read and heard from my father that a lot of women were joining the Army and enjoying it," said the petite, five-foot one Florecita. "I had always admired my father for the job he did in the service and I wanted to try it. With my husband in agreement, I wasted no time in joining."

She enlisted in October, 1974, took basic at Ft. Jackson, and graduated from the Quartermaster School, Ft. Lee, Va. as a petroleum handler specialist. After arriving at Hamilton AFB she quickly fit into the job of keeping Army aircrafts, such as helicopters and fixed-wing planes, refueled and ready for flight. She also drives a large refueling truck and receives many compliments from her male co-workers.

The work both Florecita and Trung have done has brought nothing but praise from their supervisors. "They are a couple of my best people," expressed MSgt Edward Black, NCOIC of the detachment. "They are constructive, conscientious workers who do their jobs well, without supervision, and are always willing to help others." The maintenance NCO, SFC John J. Lewis, said, "If I had just a couple more people like them . . ."

Before retiring, LtGen Elvy B. Roberts, 6th Army commanding general, said "The two soldiers are in keeping with the Army's highest traditions and I am proud to have them with us."

Off duty time finds Trung at a local fishing hole, or with drawing pencils in hand. Florecita loves to swim and cook. "Like any good wife," she said.

But the deepest expression of love and gratitude is reserved for their foster fathers. One, who thought enough about a boy who might have a better life in America, and the other who made it possible for a lonely little girl to have a family.



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Tommy Haynes stretches for the extra inches during the long jump competition at Fresno.

Diehl throws for West Coast win

Story and Photos By John Chambers

Bill Diehl won his second hammer competition in a row as Army track men took a first and two seconds at the prestigious West Coast Relays in Fresno last weekend.

Tommy Haynes missed first place in the triple jump by only a quarter of an inch and Bob Wallis had an exceptional throw off a bad surface to take second in the javelin.

Other Army athletes fared less well with Louis Wilson, Mike Louisiana, Barry McClure and Rayfield Dupree all failing to make the finals in their events. Bill Schuff finished fourth in the hammer throw and Jerry Garcia placed fifth in the 5,000 meter race.

It was an all Army finish in the hammer event. The top four competitors, Diehl, Ed Arcaro, Larry Hart and Schuff, were all either present or past members of the Army Track team.

Diehl threw 212 feet to take the lead on his second throw of the day. Arcaro came back to break his personal best mark twice but finished second at 209'9".

"I wasn't worried about him catching me," said Diehl, who was on the Army team with Arcaro in 1972.

Both Army hammer throwers have been working out at San Jose with Ed Burke, the American record holder in

the hammer. "He has made some minor changes in my style," said Diehl. "I'm not worried about distance now. When the new technique clicks, I should be throwing out over 218 feet."

Diehl's personal best, 218'10", won him the interservice championship last year.

Bob Wallis's 255'6" javelin throw was one of the two best of his career off a grass runway. "I'm a big guy," said Wallis who weighs about 230 pounds. "When I get on a loose grass surface, my front foot slips with the throw and it's like trying to throw the discus off ice."

Wallis, who had throws over 250 feet two other times already this year, used the side of the badly worn grass runway at Fresno. A field of junior college, intercollegiate and open throwers wore a large dirt spot in the grass near the middle of the foul line.

The triple jump was the last event of the meet, and Tommy Haynes battled Milan Tiff of the Bay Area Striders under the lights before an enthusiastic crowd of over 4,000.

Haynes took the lead with a wind-aided 55' 4 3/4" mark, but Tiff bested him with a 55'5" leap. Meet officials measured Tiff's mark twice before announcing the distance.

Laney J.C. site of interservice track meet

Laney Junior College will be the site of the 1975 Interservice Track and Field Championships the Presidio Sports Department announced last week.

Dates for the event are June 6 and 7 with the meet scheduled to get underway at 3:15 p.m. each day.

Two events, the hammer and javelin throws, will be held at U. C. Berkeley due to the lack of adequate facilities at Laney.

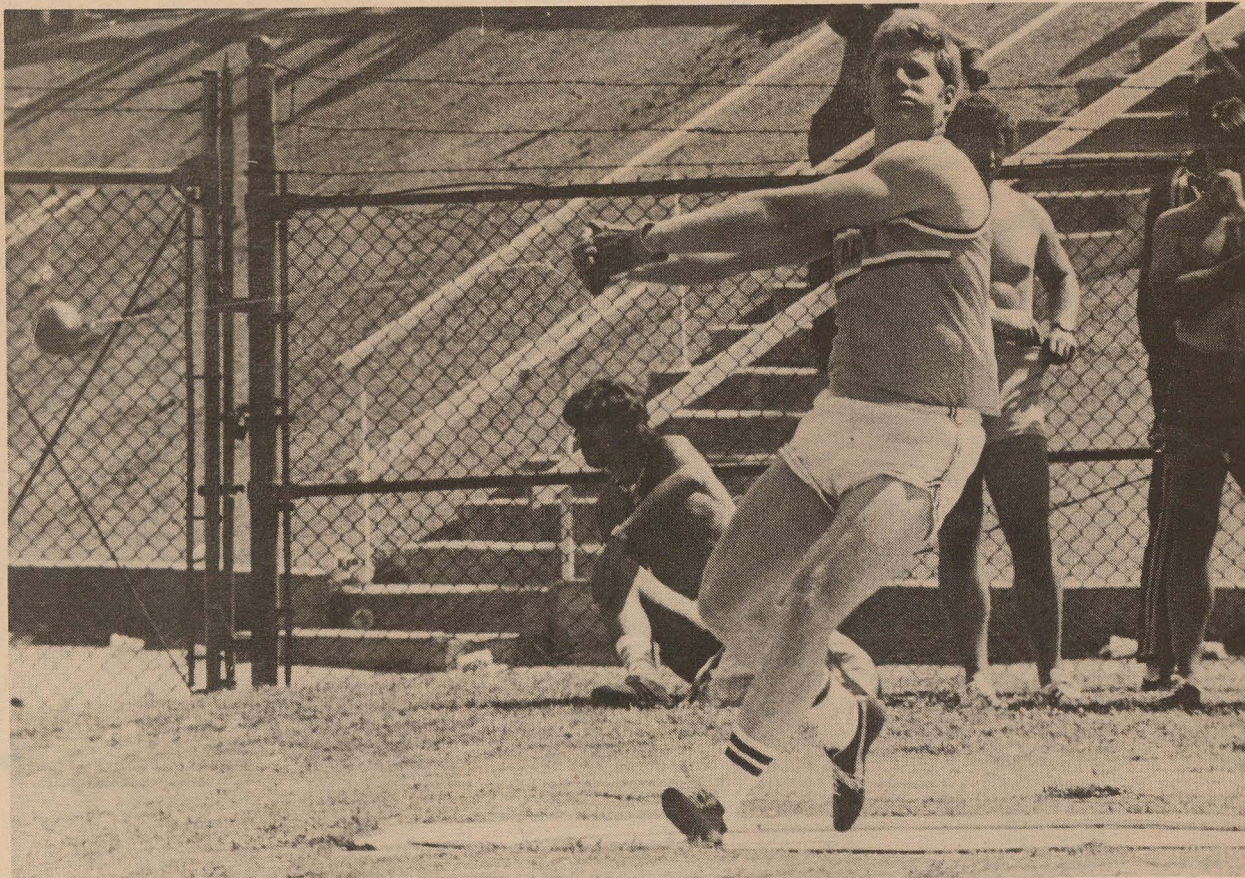
Few of the interservice participants have ever competed at Laney, a sleek, modern complex, located in downtown Oakland just off the Nimitz Freeway. The stadium has a tartan track with a well-groomed infield and stands on either side.

A tartan track was one of the main factors considered by the Sports Department in the selection of possible sites. At least one other track was thought unsuitable because it had a cinder surface which usually produces slower running times.

The selection of Laney J. C. ends more than a month of speculation about the location of the interservice meet. Several colleges in the Bay Area made their facilities available for the military meet. Most were ruled out because of their distance from the Presidio, which is hosting the event; their limited facilities or, in the case of San Francisco colleges, because they are located in cool areas.

Heat may be a factor at the Laney stadium. It is in an open, relatively flat area.

Some 75 participants are expected for this year's meet. The teams will begin arriving from training camps later this month. The Army team is training here.



Bill Schuff makes one of his throws during the West Coast Relays. He finished fourth with the hammer.

Summer youth programs set

It is anticipated that Recreation Youth Activities will again sponsor swimming classes, tennis instruction and arts and crafts classes during the summer months.

Swimming classes will be coordinated with the Red Cross and registration is tentatively scheduled for June 23-27 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the American Red Cross on post (Bldg. 97). Classes will start July 14 and continue through Aug. 22.

The tennis program will tentatively get underway June 16 and continue through Aug. 29. Registration will take place at the Post Gymnasium from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. May 20 through June 6. A fee of \$5 per child will be

payable upon registration to defray expenses.

Arts and crafts classes are scheduled from July 7 to Aug. 29. These classes will take place five days a week from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will take place at the Post Gymnasium beginning June 9. These classes are for children 7 to 12 years old. A \$5 fee must be paid at the time of registration.

For further information, contact the Youth Activities Director at 4120 or 5032.

Summer Youth Baseball

Registration and tryouts for the Presidio summer youth baseball program

begins tomorrow (May 17) at Pop Hicks Field.

Bantam League registration and tryouts for 8 to 12 year-olds will begin at 3 p.m. tomorrow and Sunday. The season is scheduled to start June 6 or 7.

One week away, May 24 and 25, is registration and tryouts for the summer Cal-Pal League. This will take place at Paul Goode Field. Coaches are also badly needed for the league and can volunteer their services by calling the Post Gym at 4120.

Summer Cal-Pal play is not the same as the spring league which is action now.

SPORTS

Championships could fall like rain on Presidio teams in the city Cal-Pal and CYO baseball leagues with four post teams in position to take divisional and league titles.

One, the Cal-Pal 15 year-olds, is within one game of clinching its second straight city championship. A win tomorrow (May 17) over the Treasure Island Orioles, who they beat 5-4 last Saturday, will give them the title.

In CYO competition, the Presidio 4th graders early this week took over sole possession of first place in their division with three straight wins in four days. They now lead second-place Holy Name by three points with two easy games remaining on their schedule.

A league-wide championship follows the regular CYO season with the two top teams from each division competing for city honors in their age group.

A win by the Cal-Pal 13 year-olds tomorrow will vault them into a tie with JVG for their league lead. Last week they trampled Calesians 23-0 and are hoping for an easy victory this weekend over the Bandits who they beat 15-3 earlier in the season. JVG is their last opponent.

A showdown is brewing between the CYO 6th graders and St. Monica's. Last Saturday, the Presidio team tied Monica's for the division lead with a 10-3 win over St. Gabriel's. The two teams are scheduled to meet in the last game of the season May 24. Mean-

while, the Presidians are looking for an easy time Sunday against winless St. Paul Shipwreck.

In other youth action last weekend, the Bullets downed Presidio's Cal-Pal 14-year-olds 9-7 and St. Paul's dropped the post CYO 5th graders 8-2.

Presidio Wins Division Championship

The Presidio softball team downed the Borer's Glick Sticks 6-1 Tuesday to clinch the San Francisco slow-pitch softball league 'C-1' division.

The win enables Presidio to represent the division in a forthcoming play-off tourney for class championship in which nine other teams will participate.

The Glick Sticks was the post team's closest competitor going into the game, with only one loss as opposed to Presidio's no loss record.

The game remained close through the first six innings with Presidio holding a slight edge, 2-1. Presidio broke it

open going into the seventh with four runs on five hits.

Post team members admitted that the Glick Sticks were the toughest competitors they had faced. "They had excellent outfield and infield defense," acknowledged Wayne Collas, Presidio coach.

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Western Recruiting	3	0
HHO 504th MP Battalion	2	1
Letterman #2	2	1
Med Lab	1	1
Harbor Craft	1	1
864th Engineers	0	2
51st Engineers	0	3

ROTC enrollment up 20 per cent

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ficer for the University of San Francisco ROTC program. "But he gradually catches up and in some cases surpasses the OCS GRAD BECAUSE OF HIS EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND."

An ROTC cadet's active duty time depends on the needs of the Army, the amount of aid he received from the government during college and his own personal wishes. In some cases a cadet serves on "active duty for training," six months active duty and the rest on reserves. Other commitments range up to four years active duty.

At times, requests for full active duty are actually turned down because the Army does not need officers. At the present time, nearly all cadets asking for active duty receive it.

Interest in ROTC is increasing.

"Enrollment is up twenty per cent," said White. "Acceptance on campus is looking better all the time which is a significant improvement."

Changes in attitude have affected enrollment in the ROTC program. "A majority of students entering the program want their commitment to be a worthwhile experience," Cpt. White observed. "They recognize the experience in the ROTC and consequently the regular Army gives them a good perspective of how the military relates to our form of government."

Besides monetary benefits, Cpt. White says, there are intangibles received from the program. "I know it sounds trite and overused," White mused, "but they very definitely get leadership experience which is an invaluable tool."

Since its inception by Captain Partridge the Reserve Officers Training Corps has consistently supplied leadership for the Army. Other services have



A cadet fires the M-16 during summer training at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

instituted similar forms of training. With this natural overflow of available leadership into civilian life the

ROTC program is being scrutinized as a dynamic alternative in forwarding education.

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Presidio prepares for Twin Bicentennial

The City of San Francisco and the Army at the Presidio will join hands June 14 to celebrate the Army's 200th birthday.

The day of colorful festivities, part of the official San Francisco Twin Bicentennial observance, will begin at 10:00

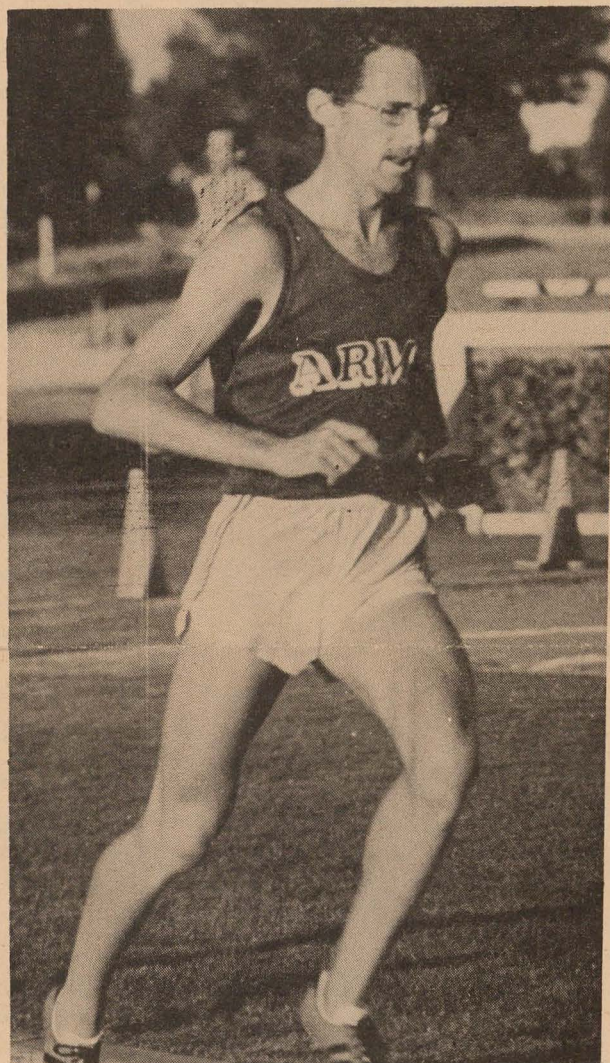
a.m. with introductory remarks by Presidio Commander Colonel Robert V. Kane.

Special activities throughout the day will include museum and historical tours, a Victorian picnic, a flag pageant, a band concert, a fashion show depicting dress from 1775 through 1975, and a square dance.

A closing ceremony will feature the "1870 Era" with a 50-man ceremonial unit in period uniforms and the Sixth US Army Band conducting the evening retreat ceremony.

The day-long festivities are open to the public.

Message to Garcia to begin bicentennial



A member of the Army Track Team will deliver the proclamation to Mayor Alioto to begin the Army's Bicentennial celebration.

A San Francisco tradition will be remembered June 13 in the Message to Garcia Relay Run.

Runners from the Presidio will carry an invitation to the Army's Presidio Bicentennial celebration to the mayor and people of San Francisco.

The relay run formerly was held as an annual expression of good will between the Presidio and the City. Runners carrying full field packs would convey greetings from the mayor to the post commander.

Two modern runners will relay the 3½ mile course from the post headquarters to City Hall. Both will wear Army Track Team uniforms and will be members of that team.

The relay run commemorates the feat of Lieutenant Andrew S. Rowan at the onset of the Spanish-American War.

Rowan was ordered by President William McKinley to carry a message to General Calixto Garcia, the leader of the Cuban insurrectionists who were beginning their separation from the Spanish Empire. The message stated that the United States would support the insurrectionists with arms, ammunition and supplies.

According to the essay by Elbert Hubbard, Rowan wrapped the message in an oilskin pouch, strapped it over his heart, and

swam from an open boat to the Cuban shore. Thirteen days later, he arrived on the other side of the island, after delivering the message through the jungle to Garcia.

The relay run was an annual occurrence in the 1920's and 1930's when the 30th Infantry Regiment, "San Francisco's Own," was stationed at the Presidio.

The runners' route is from Post Headquarters via Lincoln Boulevard to Lombard Street, from Lombard to Van Ness, from Van Ness to McAllister, and from McAllister to Polk Street.

Once at City Hall, the runner will present the invitation to the mayor asking him to urge the people of San Francisco to attend the Bicentennial celebration at the Presidio.

Events on June 14 will include a Victorian lawn party, an old fashioned costume pageant, and an 1870 flag ceremony by a 50-member honor guard in period uniforms.

Music will be provided by several military bands and two Scottish bagpipe bands.

Also, the Presidio Museum will reopen its doors to show new exhibits of the post's involvement with the area. The museum has been closed for the past year during a partial restoration to its original state in 1857 when it was the first hospital in San Francisco.

Military Ball will feature bicentennial theme

A Ball celebrating the Army's Bicentennial Birthday will be held June 14 at the Presidio Officers' Club. This event will signal San Francisco's Bicentennial Celebration of the founding of the United States of America.

The Ball will include historical uniforms worn by post personnel; music of the 91st Division Bagpipers; an inspirational dinner message by Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, President Emeritus of San Francisco State University; steak and lobster dinner and dancing.

Cost is \$15 per person. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The ball is limited to approximately 400 people or 200 couples, so reservations should be made early and tickets purchased promptly. Reservations should be made by submitting the reservation form printed on page two of the Star Presidian.

Memorial Day activities slated

Americans throughout the world will be joined by Bay Area residents Monday, May 26, as they pause to pay homage to those who have died in the service of their nation.

Memorial Day ceremonies are slated to begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Presidio of San Francisco starting with a parade from the Presidio parade ground to the National Cemetery on the installation and ending at noon with an Air Force fly-over. The observance will close with a color guard ceremony retiring the National and Army Colors.

Gold Star Mother Arcadia Beloy will place the wreath on the Grave of the Unknown Soldier at 10:30 a.m. and Richard Ham, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, will decorate the Cenotaph.

Other highlights during the morning program will include a concert from 10:45 until 11:00 a.m. by the Sixth U. S. Army Band; the Memorial Address by Major Gen-

eral Stuart D. Menist, president of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) San Francisco Chapter; the reading of General John A. Logan's General Order Number 11 by John A. Millholen, Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.) San Francisco Chapter Number 3; and the reading of the Gettysburg Address by John Ryan, San Francisco Chapter Number 3 of the D.A.V.

Rifle volleys will be fired by members of the 504th Military Police Battalion from the Presidio, followed by Taps and Echo by the Sixth U.S. Army Band; the firing of a twenty-one gun salute by the 504th Military Police and a fly-over by the U.S. Air Force.

Prior to the Memorial Day observance, youngsters from area Boy, Girl and Cub Scout organizations will decorate gravesites, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 24.

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Army releases military retirement guidelines

Because of the retired pay inversion, DA officials expect an increased number of retirement requests and the new guidelines have been issued, aimed at assisting both the applicants and the Army.

●Early submission of retirement requests are being encouraged and DA officials stress that applications should be submitted in time to reach MILPERCEN no later than 60 days before the planned retirement date.

●If orders are required for moving household good and dependents, applications must reach MILPERCEN at least 40 days before the orders are needed.

●All applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. If applicants want to know the status of their application, they should attach a preaddressed DA Form 209.

●Although retirement physicals are no longer required, people retiring before September 2 and who are requesting medical examinations should schedule their examinations as soon as possible.

●Service obligations based upon promotions or PCS may be waived if the application indicates retir-

ing for personal hardship or in the best interests of the government. The retired pay inversion situation will be considered on such requests.

●Soldiers with over 20 years service normally have the option of retiring rather than accepting a PCS move. However, soldiers who don't want to exercise this option because of the two-year promotion lock-in may now apply for retirement based upon the reduced six-month obligation. Because of this change, the normal 30-day retirement application time frame may be waived upon approval of a request for exception to policy.

●Eligible retirees who were alerted before April 1 for a PCS but who didn't apply for retirement within the 30 days normally allowed for such applications may now request retirement.

●Approved retirement applications cannot be withdrawn except for hardships or for the best interests of the government. This policy is to prevent a soldier from avoiding an overseas assignment by applying for retirement and then withdrawing his application after he has been removed from overseas orders.

What happens to the day of grace?

Present leave policies are being revised. One of the major policy changes eliminates the so-called day of grace.

According to MILPERCEN officials, soldiers beginning leave before June 1 and ending their leave after June 1 will be authorized a day of grace under the old accounting procedures. They must, however, report for duty by midnight of the return date shown in item 8B of the authenticated DA Form 31 (request and authority for leave).

Soldiers beginning leave after June 1 will not be authorized a day of grace. They must report for duty by midnight of the day shown in item 8B. The day of

departure on leave and the day of return from leave, regardless of the time, will be counted as a day of leave.

To help prevent misunderstanding, the first sentence of the fifth paragraph of the instructions on the back of the current issue of DA Form 31 (Oct. 1, 73) must be changed by the leave approval authority to eliminate the implied reference to day of grace. The portion of the sentence that reads "following the date" must be obliterated or lined through with ink. The sentence should read "You must report for duty not later than 2400 hours of the day shown in item 8B."



SP4 Joseph Fields, 864th Engineer Bn, addresses recent graduating class during ceremonies conducted at the Presidio Recreation Center.

Graduates reap rewards

The 864th Engineer Bn was well represented at the recent ACB/High School graduation ceremony at the Presidio Recreation Center. Not only were both the graduating student speakers from this unit, but also one-third of the graduating 39 students were from D Company and its compatriot, the 51st Engineer Detachment.

The graduation was the culmination of very personalized motivating factors: one student had taken four cycles to complete high school because of working a full-time job; another student was the first in the family to receive a high school diploma; and another student raised his GT score 40 points.

Graduating students and their units are as follows: ACB class — PFC A. Alcalen, 864th Eng; Pvt M. Binyard, 864th Eng; SP5 R. Brown, 402 MP Co; PFC G. Detres, 402 MP Co; SP4 J. Fields, 864th Eng; SP5 R. Fox, SPT ELM; SP4 A. Gibson, 864th Eng; PFC R. Johnson, 170th MP Co.

SP5 A. Kehm, 864th Eng; PFC K. Loomis, 6th USA Band; SP4 A. Marquez, USAG; SP4 W. Mike, Recruiting; SP4 L. Napier, 864th Eng; SP4 J. Nichols, USAG; SP5 Smith, 864th Eng; PFC T. Wilke, 170th MP Co; SP4 R. Woykowski, 864th Eng; and High School class — SP5 W. Arnold, 864th Eng; PFC W. Bodin, 504th MP Bn; Mr. W. Brooks; Mr. A. Burnham.

SP4 D. Hasting, USACC Agy; PVT M. Hennrich, 51st Eng; PVT T. Hill, 51st Eng; PFC G. Hunt, 402 MP Co; SP4 D. Kelly, 864th Eng; Mrs. M. Lopez; SP5 Moises Loustaunau, 864th Eng; SP5 A. Mynhier, 170MP Co; PVT A. Perucci, 170 MP Co; Mrs. C. Perucci; PVT M. Reid, 170 MP Co; SP5 R. Rivera, USAG; SP5 R. Sowell, USAG; PVT E. Thurston, 170 MP Co; Mrs. L. Tuers; PFC Gregory Wesley, 864th Eng; PVT J. Williams, 170 MP Co.

Ceremony for Lt. Gen. Flanagan

A Review Ceremony honoring the arrival of Lieutenant General Edward M. Flanagan, Jr., commanding general, Sixth U. S. Army, will be conducted at 4 p.m., May 29, on the Pershing Square Parade Field.

AUSA Annual election meeting

Alfred J. Barnston, vice-president of a well known stock brokerage firm will speak at the AUSA annual election meeting, 11:30 a.m. May 29.

Reservations should be made immediately. Contact Mr. Joy, 561-2035.

PX Holiday Hours

Letterman Hospital Post Exchange will be open 8 a.m. — 1 p.m., Memorial Day, May 26. The Main Cafeteria will be open 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. All other exchange activities will be closed. In addition, Crissy Field Snack Bar will be closed Saturday and Sunday.

A Sidewalk Sale will be held at the Presidio Main Exchange May 29, 30 and 31. Merchandise prices will be drastically reduced for final clearance.

Enlisted Wives Club

The Presidio of San Francisco Enlisted Wives Club will hold its monthly business meeting, Monday, June 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the PSF Religious Center. Membership is open to all enlisted wives.

Action Line

The playground on Pershing Avenue is unsafe. Residents of that area contacted the engineers who examined the playground and agreed that it isn't safe. However, nothing has been done to correct the situation.

Can we get some action to make this playground safe for our children?

Jeannette Wilbur

John M. Lane, Deputy Facilities Engineer, contacted Mrs. Wilbur concerning her request. After she identified the playground in question, she was assured that a concrete wall and the asphalt surface of the playground would be removed as soon as possible.

Action Line

(Please mail check to Chapter Secretary, P.O. Box 9115, PSF, CA)

AUSA Army Ball

Presidio Officers' Club — Presidio of San Francisco

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Further details may be obtained from Mr. Robert Joy, 561-2035, or Miss Shirley Araujo, 561-2669.

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Providing logistical support to large numbers of children at the Presidio has become a way of life recently for the military community here during the past two months.

Fresh from Operation SPOVO (Support of Vietnamese Orphans) Presidio personnel buckled down to the task of supporting nearly 2,600 Boy Scouts and their estimated 800 adult sponsors who spent the weekend here during CAMPEX-WEST.

The competitive weekend was termed by Carl Martindell with Golden Gate Scouting in San Francisco as the biggest of its kind ever held in this area.

The event drew Scouts from the Northern California area as well as a 24-member troop from Los Angeles.

Converting the former post stockade at Fort Scott into CAMPEX-WEST Headquarters, Army Engineers worked at a fever pitch to repair plumbing, electrical outlets, wiring former cell doors open and a mirage of other duties in preparation for the event.

Military support ranged from providing the National Colors for the opening ceremony to Military Police traffic control and security.

Supply channels at the installation provided five general purpose tents, 115 folding chairs, 80 field tables, several buffet type tables and 20 cots in addition to printing and erecting some 50 signs.

Approximately 200 military personnel were involved throughout the weekend in assisting the program. They represented every staff section of the headquarters, as well as the 504th Military Police Battalion and the 864th Engineer Unit as the Presidio.

During the weekend, the scouts participated in 15 separate areas of competition in an attempt to gain top honors for their respective patrols and troops.

Competitive areas included checking in on time; overall cleanliness and good order of the campsite; scouting the headlines — picking up positive and negative examples of stories; uniform inspection — where each item of clothing and individual patches were checked; the great bank robbery, testing the scouts' alertness, perception and recall abilities and emergency procedures in the event of a disaster.

Also included in the competition were the Alpine mountain race, a specially constructed obstacle course; reveille race, testing the scouts speed in dressing and assembling his pack; the Magic Forest nature trail, recognizing various sounds of nature, the



San Mateo Scouts from Troop 270 race the clock in the flag pole raising event. In the 15 events scheduled in which Scouts participated, San Mateo youngsters captured 19 of the top 35 places. (US Army Photo by Spec. 4 Debbie West)

knot race involving the tying of the six basic scout knots and the log lift where the scout was required to utilize a bar and rope with the proper knots in hoisting a heavy log.

Rounding out the events that carried points for the CAMPEX-WEST participant were constructing and crossing a monkey (rope) bridge; the wheel of Fortune, which enabled the contestant to compete in one of six activities; Operation Rescue involving basic first aid; a treasure hunt and the Zuni Fire Surprise, where the objective was to burst a water filled balloon by quickly building a fire under it.

San Mateo Scout Troops dominated the final standings with 19 out of the top 35 places. The four patrols comprising Troop 10 from San Mateo all finished in the top ten positions when the final scores were posted Sunday morning.

According to Lieutenant Colonel Norman Harms, director of Personnel and Community Ac-

tivities at the Presidio and project officer for the military support portion of CAMPEX-WEST, "Joint Boy Scout, Golden Gate Scouting Region and Presidio mutually-planned support action at the Presidio was conducted in an unprecedented manner. The teamwork and cooperation displayed between the civilian and military population in the Bay Area resulted in a very rewarding experience for all of us involved."

Lt. Col. Harms added that he felt that the three-day CAMPEX-WEST program had been outstanding in all respects and, "It has been a pleasure for Colonel Kane (Colonel Robert V. Kane, Presidio Commander) and his staff to have supported this healthy, wholesome and positive program for the good of our youth."

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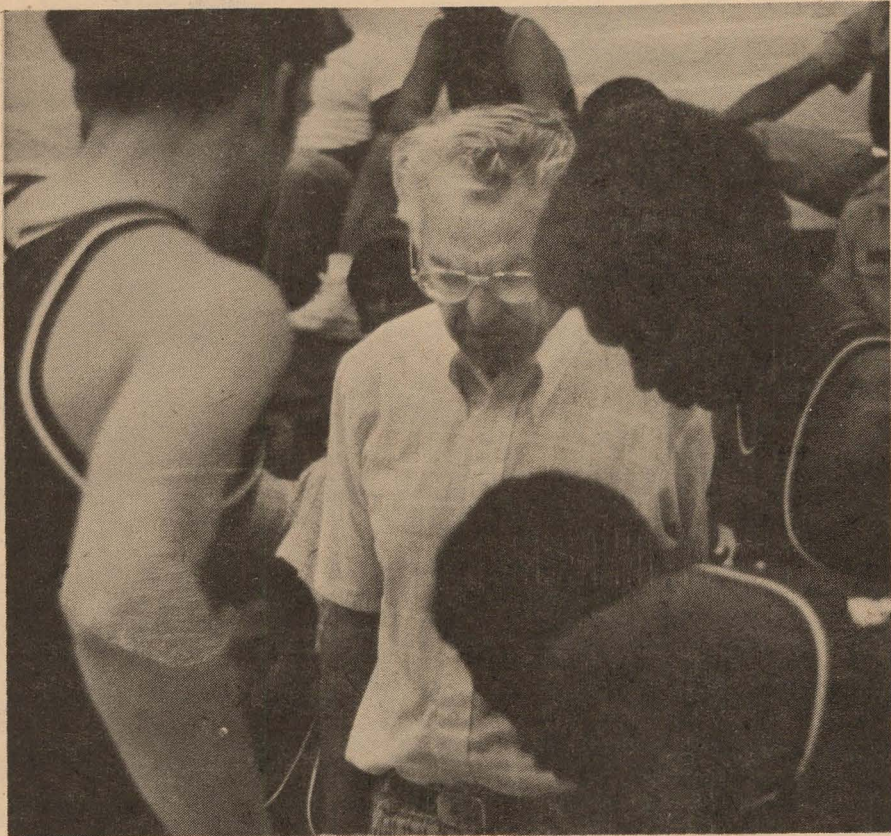
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Newcomers deepen CISM team

"We're stronger than this year's Army team. We're stronger than last year's Armed Forces team and we're

This year, the United States is once again looking to beat the Italians, the team that eliminated them in the finals



CISM Coach Hal Fischer talks to some of his team during a scrimmage against the University of San Francisco.

stronger than the Armed Forces team that went to Baton Rouge this spring."

That is the way Coach Hal Fischer describes the basketball team that will represent the United States at a European tournament this June, the CISM games in Athens, Greece and a clinic in Jordan.

"CISM," Council International Sport du Militaire, is what the team is about. It is an international gathering of basketball teams representing the armed forces of nations from around the world.

last year at Washington D.C.

Ideas on how the Italians produce their powerhouse teams vary. However, Fischer reveals that all Italians are considered part of the military reserve. This gives them the choice of Italy's top basketball players for their military team which, by coincidence, is also their national team.

Less elusive is the manner in which Fischer assembled his CISM team. It is the winner of the interservice basketball tournament augmented by the best players from the other service team.

Only two Marines, Ken O'Neal and Ed Lemon, have been added to the Army squad which swept the interservice tournament early this year. One Air Force player passed on the nomination to attend Officer Training School. What happened to the rest?

"How much can teams we beat by 40 points have to offer?" Fischer asks rhetorically.

It is a point well taken, but Fischer has recently found players in the Army to boost his team's depth and strength.

"We're a lot stronger overall," said Fischer. "We have a lot more people to deal with unexpected situations. We lost the AAU tournament at Baton Rouge this year when (Bob) Sherwin left us and Brownie (Eddie Brown) broke his hand."

The team's added depth has been evident in its game-type scrimmages against local college teams. So far, the CISM squad has split games with the University of San Francisco, beat San Jose twice and run Santa Clara off the court.

Although many of the players are the same ones who played in scrimmages with the Army team here before the interservice meet, it is not the same team and depth is the reason.

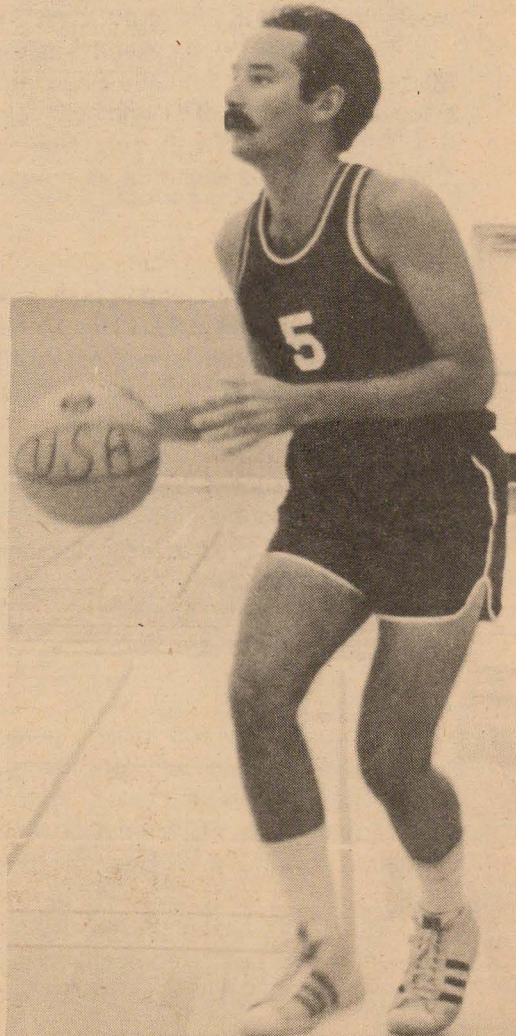
When high-scoring guard Bob Sherwin is not scoring, several other people — Jyrone Ralston, Ken O'Neal, John Benian and Ed Lemon — fill the gaps in Fischer's patterned offense.

Ralston is the most noticeable newcomer. Playing in the starting seven (Fischer never relies on a starting five), the 1974 college division all-American comes off the bench to add solid passing and scoring to the offense and quickness to the defense.

"Unity is what we are working on now," said Fischer. "I work with differ-

ent combinations to get the team used to each other so that every man knows what the other can do."

Mistakes mean a substitution during Fischer's scrimmages. He admits that this isn't possible during a game, but adds that one mistake can mean the difference between winning and losing.



Army's star guard Bob Sherwin

Eight scrimmages are scheduled at the Presidio and Bay Area colleges.

SPORTS

Presidians in Bay to Breakers

Two civilian workers at the Presidio were among the top finishers in the Bay to Breakers race Sunday (May 18).

Jim Nuccio, a former Army track team member now working at the Post Central Welfare Fund, crossed the finish third behind Ric Rojas and Domingo Tibabduiza. His time was 37:28, 10 seconds behind the pace set by Rojas who represented the New Mexico Track Club.

Also clocking in with the first 25 competitors was Bob Darling, a Presidio Sports Department worker. Darling finished 22nd with a time of 40:49.

Youth Baseball

Presidio's Cal-Pal 15 year olds came within one game of clinching their second straight city title but failed, losing to the Treasure Island Orioles 9-7 Saturday.

A tie between three or five teams resulted from the Presidio loss, necessitating at least two weekends of playoffs to decide the city title.

That left the CYO 4th graders in the best position to win a title for the Presidio. After beating St. Phillips 11-2 Sunday, they need win only one of their two remaining games to edge out Holy Name for the divisional title.

One of their last games will be played Sunday at 4 p.m. on Presidio's Pop Hicks Field.

A promised showdown between Presidio's CYO 6th graders and St. Monica's will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. on Pop Hicks Field. Presidio eas-

ily defeated St. Paul of the Shipwreck 15-3 Sunday to tie St. Monica's for the division title with one game remaining.

A three-way tie for the Cal-Pal 13 year-old city championship resulted from the Presidio's 4-2 victory over the Bandits Saturday.

Intramural Softball (May 20)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
170th MP Company	2	0
Letterman	2	0
Western Recruiting	1	0
Garrison	1	1
402nd MP Company	0	1
Support Element	0	1
Corps of Engineers	0	1
LAIR	0	2

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
864th Engineers	2	0
Armed Forces Police	2	0
HHD 504th MP Battalion	1	0
16th Base Post Office	1	0
Readiness Region IX	0	1
525th MI Group	0	1
Med Lab	0	2
666th Radar Squadron	0	2

The Presidio softball team closed out the San Francisco slow-pitch league 'C-1' division with a squeaky 5-4 win over BMT Tuesday. This made it a 7 win, no loss season for the post team.

Presidio will represent their division in a tournament, commencing June 16.

Army Coach— Longer track camp needed

Complaints of ill preparation followed Army's performance at the Bakersfield Invitation Track and Field Meet last Saturday.

Hammer throwers Bill Diehl and Bill Schuff were the only Army athletes to place in the Bakersfield competition. Diehl finished second behind George Frenn with a 215'10" while Schuff came in third at 212'11".

Frenn, a former national title holder, threw 218'3".

"We're stinking up the place everywhere we go," said Army Coach Ralph Higgins after the meet. "But we'll get better as we go along."

Higgins pins most of the blame on a late training start. Army's training camp convened at the Presidio in the first week of April. "We should have been here a month earlier," said Higgins.

Training camps began in January when Higgins first began coaching the team in 1968. That year the former Oklahoma State track coach guided his team to six gold medals at the National AAUs in Oakland.

Since that time, the quality of Army athletes has gradually declined but so has the amount of time they are given to prepare as a team for the interservice meets in June.

Budget cuts forced a February start in 1969 and has gradually whittled the preparation time down. This season half of the team trained on the East Coast to save transportation expenses on those who would not make the squad.

"It makes a big difference," said Higgins.

Marines out to topple Army

There is no doubt about it: the Marines are out to end the Army's domination of the Interservice Track and Field Championships.

Coming off a strong showing at the Terrapin Invitational Track and Field Meet last week at the University of Maryland, Leatherneck Coach Jim Pritchard said, "All our athletes are pointing for two things: the nationals and a win at the interservice meet."

More specifically, the Marines are looking to beat individuals. Sprinter Dick Garrett will be running against Army's top sprint man Louis Wilson. According to Pritchard, Garrett is training harder this year and "all he thinks about is beating Wilson."

Marine runners are also thinking hard about winning the three mile from the Presidio's George Stewart. "We love competing against George," said Pritchard. "He is a top performer and we like competing against top athletes."

Army Coach Ralph Higgins seemed unimpressed by the news that Marines are out to beat his team. "They've been trying to do that every year," he said.

Army has won the last eight interservice meets.

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Friday, May 30, 1975

Echoes of the past will combine with the pageantry and color of the present during the Army's 200th Birthday Celebration at the Presidio. Fashion shows, music, marching bands, tours and ceremonial units are only a few of the activities which will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 14. The public is invited to this unique event.

200 years of history

Post Museum to reopen

The Presidio Museum will reopen its doors to the public, June 3, with the formal reopening ceremonies slated for the U.S. Army's 200th birthday, June 14.

The building, recognized as the oldest standing structure on the Presidio which is still being utilized, was first used as a hospital in 1857. Now serving as a museum, it has been undergoing extensive interior restoration of its main floor.

Displays will include portrayals of Spanish and Mexican life in early California, memorabilia of the coast artillery, the Spanish-American War and old Letterman Hospital.

Depicting the Spanish-American era will be displays primarily showing the uniforms, items of equipment and a footlocker used by troops embarking for the Philippine Insurrection. Uniforms show the contrast between the newly issued light-weight clothing worn by the regular Army troops and the old heavier uniforms still being worn by the Guard at that time. A large wall mural depicts troop ships steaming through the Golden Gate enroute to the Philippines during this period.

Many of the items of equipment making up the Letterman Hospital section were found in the building attic. Old surgical tools, an extensive medical library and the original "Letterman Safe" have all been rescued by the Museum's staff, headed by John Langellier.

The special Black History display area will not open until July 29 when it will be dedicated during observances of the Chaplain Corp's birthday. Here again, a wall mural will set the tone with the picture depicting guests at a Black wedding on Angel Island posing for the photographer following the ceremony. The Chaplain pictured in the mural is a Lieutenant Colonel Allen Allensworth, the highest ranking Black officer at the time. Presiding over the dedication will be another Black chaplain, Presidio's post chaplain, Colonel Mitchell C. Johnson.

A temporary display being constructed by the staff of the installation's Equal Opportunity and Race Relations office will show the contributions of Nisei units during the World War II period, the Philippine 1st and 2nd Infantry Regiments, the Black soldier in the West and the Indian Scouts. This special theme is being planned for the birthday celebration June 14.

The two-story, redwood frame and brick building housing the Museum of today, was built and occupied as the Old Station Hospital serving the medical needs of the early Presidio. It was completed after three years of work in January, 1857, and included four hospital wards, two octagonal surgery rooms (added later), a dispensary on the two main floors, and a kitchen and dining hall in the basement.

The first part of the restoration was the removal of metal walls and partitions which had subdivided the old hospital wards. Workmen then removed two layers of floor tiles and a plywood subfloor to get to the original pine flooring. The light green walls were painted white and window sashes and other wood trim were stained dark brown. Plaster coatings were removed from the red brick fireplaces.

Similar renovation will be done on the upper floor, and the closed-in porch on the second-story will be restored as a veranda.

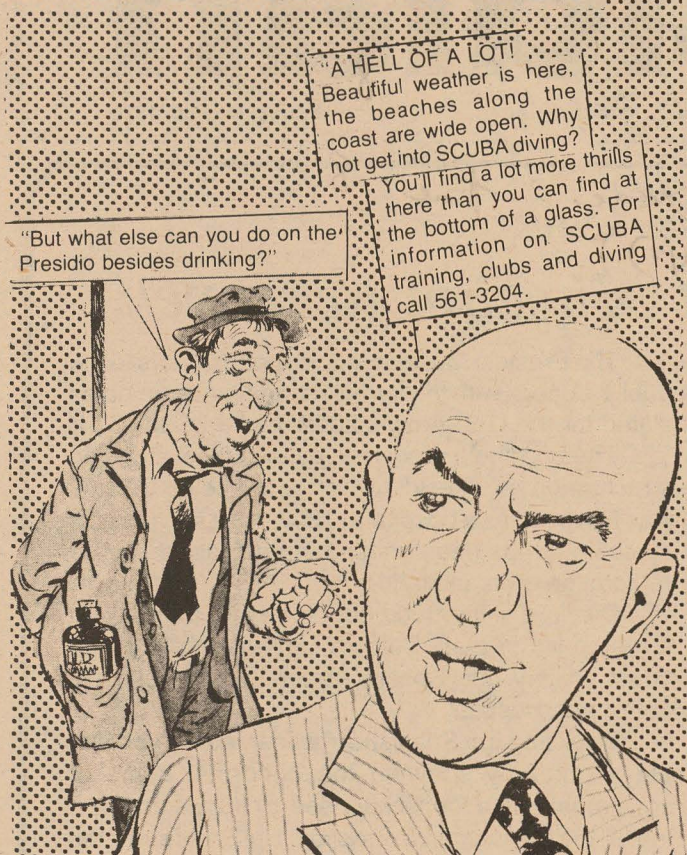
The upper floor wards will house exhibits recalling the days when the Presidio was a staging area in World Wars I and II.

Eventually, the museum will have nine subject areas and 30 displays along with a special rotating exhibit hall.

The Presidio museum will be open to the public, Tuesday through Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. beginning June 3.



What's there to do?



The Presidio Youth Activity Center-Teen Club will present The Variations and Pure Funk Band in a Battle of the Sounds, at 12 a.m., Saturday, June 7. Also featured will be the Exclusives, a Bay Area singing group and Harold Logwood's Birds of Fire Band.

The Variations, a singing trio, backs up Samaki Bennett, a rising television star who is a singer, model and dancer. This will be the only San Francisco appearance for this group which has just completed a nine-month world-wide tour with the James Brown Show, before they leave for a South American and England tour. The Variations have also appeared with the Sammy Davis, Jr. Revue, The Stylistics, Sly and the Family Stone.

Mrs. M. Marie Brooks, Teen Club director, stated that ticket information and other details can be obtained by calling the Teen Club, 561-4306, 4 p.m. — 10 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday; or the Ticket Information Office, Recreation Center, 561-5480.

Advance tickets are \$2.50. Tickets on sale at the door will be \$3.

Traffic rerouting

Due to Bicentennial activities, Lincoln Blvd. will be closed to traffic from Park Blvd. to West Halleck, June 14. Traffic will be rerouted on Crissy Field Avenue and Mason Street to Lombard Gate, Marina Gate or Presidio Blvd.

Day of grace ends

There no longer is a day of grace for soldiers on leave. Both the day of departure and the day of return will be counted as days of leave, according to a recent Department of the Army policy change.

Good eating is here

One of the finest ideas in good eating at the Presidio is the new take-out delicatessen service at the Main Cafeteria. Many gourmet items and a wide variety of meats, cheeses and salads are available for at-home entertaining, picnics or a change-of-pace for a quick meal at home.

Beauty shop to close

The Post Exchange Beauty Shop will close for one day, June 2, for a training seminar on black hair care.

Sidewalk sale to be held

A Sidewalk Sale will be held at the Presidio Main Exchange, May 29, 30 and 31. Merchandise prices will be drastically reduced for final clearance.

Youth tennis lessons offered

Registration for Youth tennis lessons is now open at the Post Gym, B, 7:30 a.m. — 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. A fee of \$5 per child is payable upon registration. Dependent youths between the ages of nine through 18 are eligible to participate. Deadline for registration is June 6. Further details may be obtained from the Youth Activities Director, 561-4120/5032.

VFW Flag dedication

The San Francisco County Council, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will retire their old colors and dedicate their new colors at 1 p.m. June 7, on the Polk Street end of the Civic Plaza. The program includes a speech by Julia Ann McDermott, and music by the Woodrow Wilson High School Band. The public is invited.

For new enlistees after June 30

Ford asks end of GI Bill

President Ford has terminated certain veterans' benefit for persons entering the armed forces after May 7, 1975. He has also asked Congress to pass a bill that would terminate GI Bill education and training benefits for persons enlisting after June 30, 1975.

With the official end of the Vietnam era, the termination of veterans' benefits for peacetime soldiers is similar to action taken by earlier presidents after World War II and the Korean War.

The benefits that the President is empowered to terminate and which he did terminate include non-service connected disability pensions, burial allowances and non-service connected death pensions for widows and surviving children.

The Congress must pass the President's proposed bill in order to terminate the education and training benefits which calls for a cut-off date of July 1, 1975. If the Congress enacts the legislation, persons enlisting on or after that date will not receive education and training benefits.

Unaffected by the Presidential proclamation and the requested Congressional action is GI home loan eligibility.

In-service education

With the possible termination of the education and training benefits, long considered one of the Army's principal attractions, the Army staff is considering a variety of alternate plans that would offer young people an educational inducement to enlist.

Unfortunately, the bill before Congress has the additional effect of closing the PREP program to post-June 30 enlistees. The PREP program, now widely used in Army Education Centers, allows soldiers to use their accrued GI Bill entitlements while they are still on active duty.

The termination of GI Bill benefits is expected to cause a resulting increase in the Army's in-service education programs. What shape the programs will take has yet to be decided.

According to VA figures, 7.5 million persons who have been separated from the service since the beginning of the Vietnam era and 2.1 million persons on active duty on May 7, 1975 are entitled to full wartime GI Bill benefits. However, one provision of the proposed bill would impose a deadline of July 1, 1985 for using those education and training benefits.



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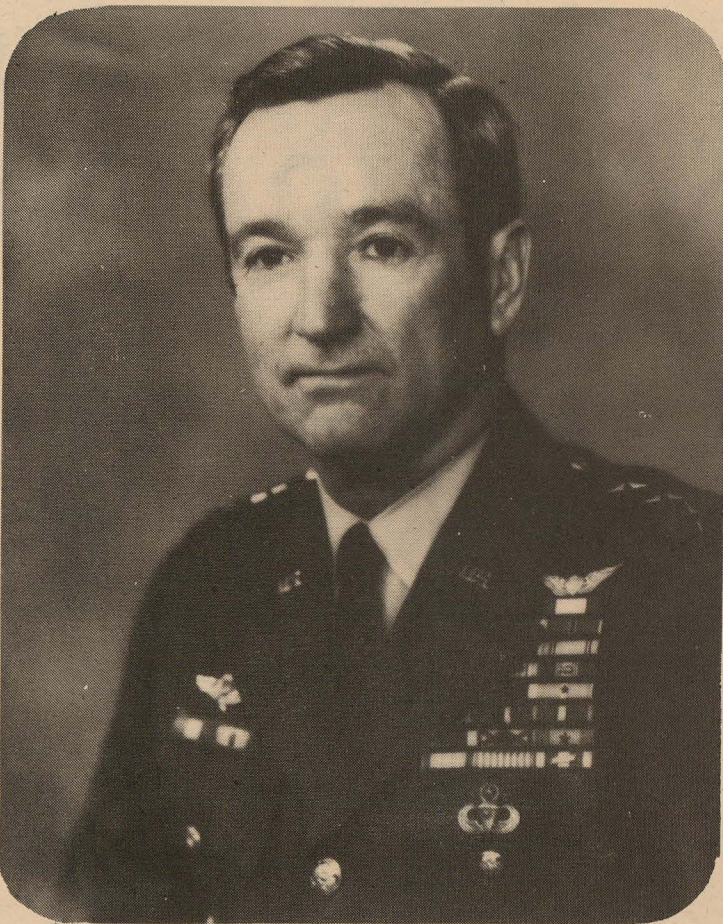
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Flanagan assumes 6th Army command

Lieutenant General Edward M. Flanagan, Jr. yesterday assumed command of Sixth United States Army.

Prior to this assignment, General Flanagan was Deputy Commanding General, Eighth United States Army, Korea. The general's other assignments include combat tours of duty during World War II and in Korea and Vietnam. He also has served as Commanding General and Commandant of the John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance, Fort Bragg, N.C.; as Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas and as Comptroller of the Army.

General Flanagan entered the Army in January 1943 following graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He is an Army aviator and a master parachutist with one combat jump in World War II.



Lt. Gen. Edward M. Flanagan

Prices to increase at post clothing store

The prices on most items sold in the quartermaster clothing sales store will rise substantially with the beginning of the new fiscal year, according to Mr. H. Smith, manager of the store. Price increases will vary from as little as a nickel to as much as \$2.80 on some items.

A few items will drop in price and it may be advisable to wait until the new prices go into effect to purchase these. However, Mr. Smith advises soldiers to shop now for items with a forecast price increase.

The price raise reflects a general cost of living increase nation-wide and was computed after the Defense Supply Support Center received bids from several firms supplying the uniforms and accessories.

Listed below are some of the items available at current and forecast prices:

Male Items	Old	New	Female	Old	New
Belt	.38	.46	Anklet	.37	.46
Boots	13.80	15.50	Cap, 344	4.15	4.43
Buckle, Brass	.22	.26	Coat 344	30.60	30.80
Cap, Gar	1.72	1.81	White Gloves	2.30	2.32

Service Cap	7.40	8.68	Handbag	22.80	23.20
Coat, AG44	31.80	33.40	Overshoes	1.27	1.58
Coat 344	24.50	25.70	Raincoat	24.20	27.00
Drawers	.75	1.11	Scarf	.75	.96
Raincoat	11.30	12.00	Shirt TRN	5.02	5.41
Shirt, Utility	3.20	3.77	Skirt, 160	5.36	5.61
Dress Shoes	10.50	11.00			
Trousers, 44	8.08	9.70			
Khaki Trousers	4.26	5.64			
Undershirt	.87	1.13			

Duffle bags will go up from 5.53 to 7.01 and bath towels will increase from .69 to .90.

Mr. Smith has noted that retail sales on Saturdays is below expected levels and reminds shoppers that this extra day is for their convenience. He stated that unless Saturday sales pick up the old schedule may be reinstated. Store hours and days are 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday for clothing issue, and 11:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday for clothing sales.

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Garcia runs cool two mile at Modesto Relays

By John Chambers

Army's Jerry Garcia failed to pace Steve Prefontaine to a world record two mile but paced himself to one of his best efforts ever at that distance Saturday in the Modesto Relays.

Garcia finished third behind Prefontaine and John Halberstadt with an 8:53.6, his personal best outdoor time. Prefontaine had an 8:36.4 and Halberstadt an 8:52.0.

Actually a long distance man with a 10,000 meter speciality, the PFC from Ft. Ord entered the race at the request of meet director Tom Moore. Moore wanted someone to pace Prefontaine past Brendan Foster's world record of 8:13.8.

"I decided to run the race as a speed workout in preparation for the 10,000

Army athlete says article unfair

Army javelin thrower Bob Wallis called last week's Star Presidian article about the preparation of the Army track team unfair.

Wallis said the article, which implied that the Army training camp was too short, was not fair to several members of the team.

Especially objectionable, according to Wallis, was a quote to the effect that his team had not done well in meets thus far although they were improving.

Wallis correctly pointed out that nine Army team members had already qualified for the AAU national championships this June.

meters" said Garcia.

Leading the pack through the first 660, Garcia clocked a 4:18 mile, but Prefontaine, who holds the American records for the six mile and 10,000 meters, hung back in the pack. He later said that he was not running well enough for a world record assault.

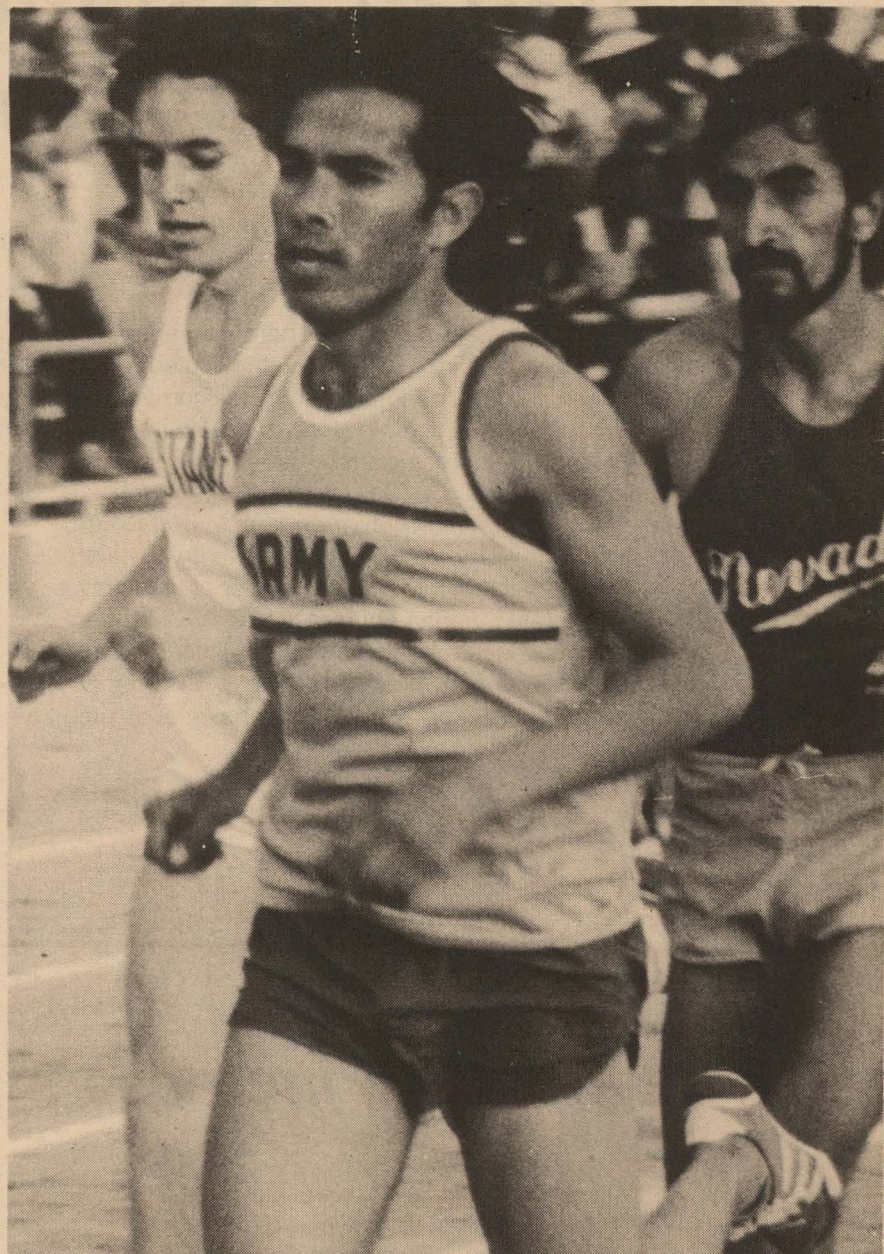
But Garcia said he was pleased with his third place finish. "You can't get better training than competition," Garcia said this week. "I felt strong and relaxed through the whole race."

Garcia was one of three Army runners at Modesto. Fred Meriwether ran a 14.9 in the qualifying heats of the high hurdles. Wilbert Hancey ran a 48-plus in the 440.

In the field events, Barry McClure finished sixth in the triple jump finals at 52-8; Bob Wallis came in sixth with the javelin with a 231-9; Bill Schuff finished sixth in the hammer throw with a 204-10; and Mike Louisiana threw the discus 178'11" for an eighth place showing.

Hammer thrower Bill Diehl tested his injured back with two throws managing a best of 198-10. The defending interservice champ was expected to be in top form for a twilight meet last night in Eugene, Ore. A slight muscle pull Diehl suffered at the Bakersfield Invitational the week before had caused some concern about his condition.

Another military hammer thrower who will compete at the interservice meet, Navy-man Ted Bregar, also threw at Modesto finishing fourth with 207-5. Bregar's best in 1975 is 210'1" while Diehl's is over 215'.



Jerry Garcia during the West Coast Relays

Army will send its entire team to the Pacific-AAU meet tomorrow at San Mateo in a final preparation for the Interservice Track and Field Championships June 6 and 7.

Chance sent Ralston to CISM basketball team

By John Chambers

Jyrona Ralston was shooting baskets in a midwestern post gymnasium one day last April when a man asked him if he wanted to play for the Army. "Sure," said Ralston and forgot about it until a few days later when a friend told him he was headed for the Army basketball team at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Ralston is now an integral member of the Armed Forces basketball team training here for the CISM basketball tournament in June. Slick ballhandling, good inside shooting and passes which seem to defy the laws of physics have made the former Kentucky Wesleyan All-American one of the most noticeable parts of this year's combined service team.

Ralston's trip to the Presidio actually began in Louisville, Ky. where the Louisville native was unable to find a job after graduating from college. The physical education major pounded the pavement looking for work as a personnel manager; but to no avail.

In January, with his prospects exhausted, Ralston entered the Army and soon after was playing in the Ft. Benjamin Harrison Gym where Mr. Gene Ott spotted him.

"When he asked me to play, I thought he was talking about the post team, or just kidding," said Ralston.

A few weeks later, Ralston was headed for the Armed Forces training camp here where he arrived in early May.

Since then, his speed and playmaking ability have moved him into Coach Hal Fischer's starting seven.

"He's one of the best middle men we've had in a long time," said Fischer,

referring to the 6'1" guard's ability to bring the ball through center court. "He has great speed and penetration."

Speed and penetration were two of the assets that enabled Ralston to average 23 and 29 points, respectively, in his last two years at Kentucky Wesleyan.

During his junior year, the team was 1972-73 College Division Champion and the following year Ralston was voted second-team college division All-American, an honor he says did not mean much since his team did so poorly.

Despite his past honors, Ralston was not confident he would make the Armed Forces team. "He seemed to suffer from a lack of confidence like he was going to get cut when he first came out," said teammate Bob Sherwin, and Ralston agrees.

"I didn't know what to expect when I started," says the 23-year old Ralston. "I didn't know how good their guards were or anything else."

Coach Fischer's multi-faceted offense is now Ralston's major problem. Though the Armed Forces team uses a running game similar to Kentucky Wesleyan's, Ralston must learn the plays used by Fischer. "At Kentucky Wesleyan we had maybe four plays, two for a zone and two for a man-to-man; but this team uses about ten," explains Ralston.

Fischer describes Ralston's arrival at the Armed Forces Camp as a stroke of pure luck. Ordinarily, college coaches contact Fischer about players entering the Army; but many players stay in the Army undiscovered until someone spots them.

SPORTS

Youth Baseball

Presidio's 4th grade CYO baseball team clinched a city division title with a 10-3 victory over Holy Name Sunday.

After trailing 3-1, the 4th graders tied the game at 3-3 in the fifth and added seven more runs in the sixth. They will begin playoffs for the city championship this weekend.

St. Monica's spoiled the Presidio's chances for another CYO divisional title by downing the post 6th graders 12-4 Saturday. A Presidio dependent, Pat Gaffney, led St. Monica's with two bases-loaded hits. Despite their second place finish, the 6th graders still made it into this weekend's city playoffs.

The post 5th graders closed out their season with a forfeit win over St. Emydius.

In Cal-Pal action, Lou Harrison's six innings of shutout pitching was to no avail as JVG edged the Presidio 13 year-olds 2-1. Harrison gave up two runs in the first inning but blanked his opponents for the remainder of the game.

A forfeit cost the 15 year-olds their shot at a second straight city title. After slipping into a multi-team tie for first place last weekend, communications broke down between team and league officials and the Presidio team missed Saturday's contest by waiting at the wrong field for more than an hour. They were tagged with a loss, dropping them from league contention. A protest is pending.

INTRAMURAL GOLF (May 27)				
Presidio League	Won	Lost	Tied	
Readiness Region	5	0	0	

LAIR	4	1	0
525th MI Group	4	1	0
Letterman #1	2	3	0
Garrison	2	3	0
Support Element	1	4	0
170th MP Company	1	4	0
402nd MP Company	1	4	0
Ft.Scott League	Won	Lost	Tied
Western Recruit	4	0	1
HHD 504th MP Bn	4	1	0
Letterman #2	2	1	1
Med Lab	2	2	0
Harbor Craft	2	2	0
51st Engineers	0	4	0
864th Engineers	0	4	0

Adult Tennis Lessons

Adult tennis lessons begin June 3 at the Presidio's Infantry Terrace courts. Cost of the 10 one-hour classes is \$30, which must be paid by June 1. John Bezverkov will be the instructor for the Tuesday and Thursday classes. Beginners will take to the courts between 9 and 10 a.m. and from 1 to 2 p.m. Advanced beginner sessions will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. For information and registration call the Post Gym at 4120.

INTRAMURAL BOWLING (May 20)			
Presidio League	Won	Lost	
Communications Comm.	4	0	
402nd MP Company	4	0	
Armed Forces Police	3	1	
CID	3	1	
Garrison	2	2	
525th MI Group	2	2	
Support Element	1	3	
Sixth Army Band	1	3	
170th MP Company	0	4	
Harbor Craft	0	4	

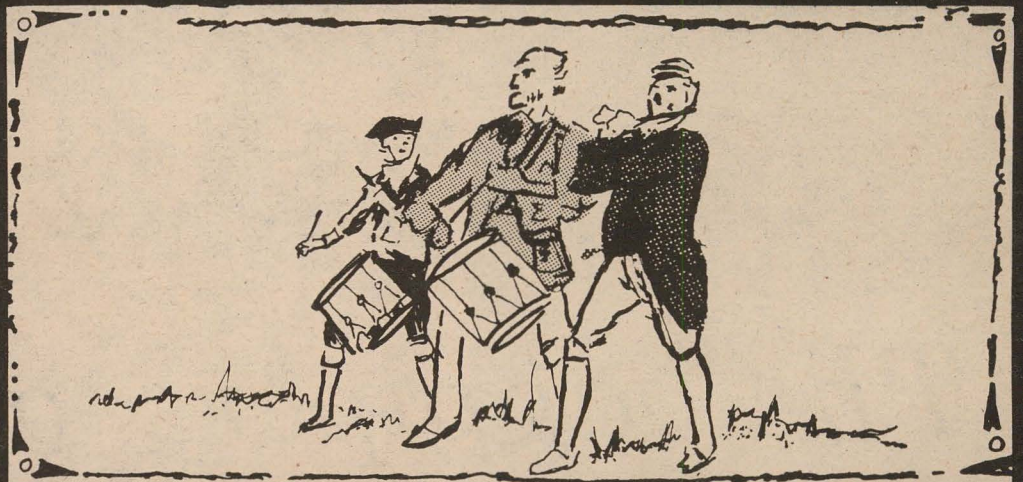
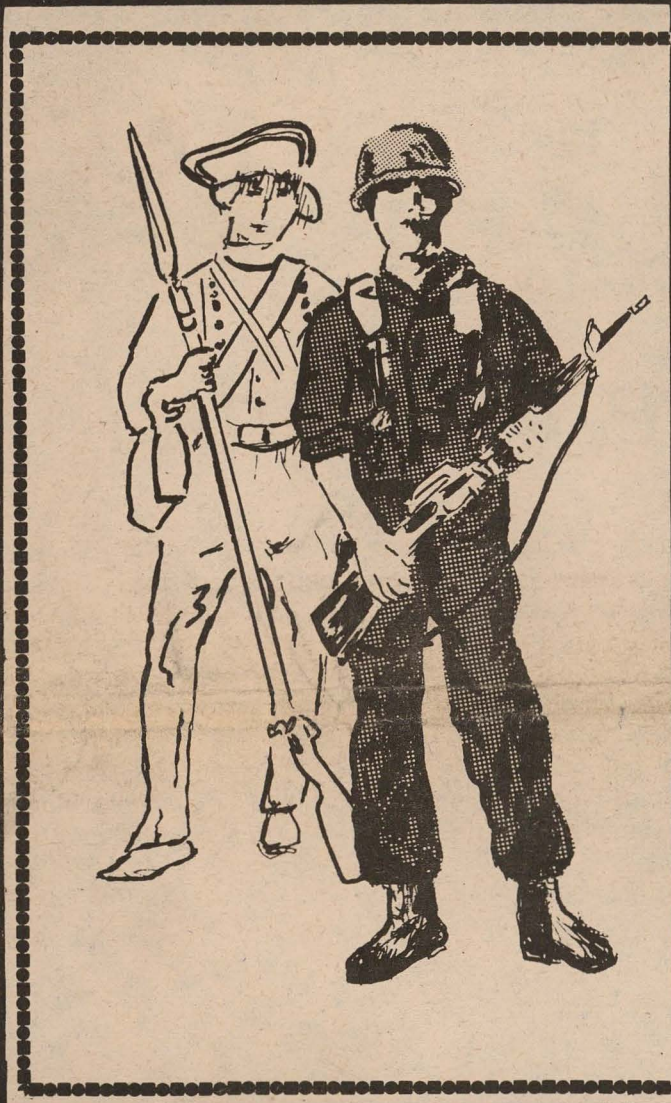
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The bagpipers are coming!

Bagpipers are on their way to celebrate the U. S. Army's 200th birthday party June 14 at the Presidio of San Francisco.

Outfitted in plaid kilts of the Royal Stewart clan, the 1st Brigade Pipe and Drum of Sacramento's 91st Reserve Training Division will perform at the Presidio's Victorian Lawn Party, lending a British flavor to a celebration which will highlight ethnic contributions to the development of the Army.

The 16-member unit began in 1962 with three members. Since then, 13 other "pipers" have volunteered for the band. Warrant Officer Robert N. Olwell, one of the original members, said the unit trains its own musicians.

"It takes somewhere from six months to a year for a man to become an accomplished piper," he said, "if he has some musical experience — more if he doesn't."

The division's administrative assis-

tant, Tom Licursi, pointed out that the unit's garb is modeled after that worn by the Royal Scots Guards of the British Army.

"All pipers wear kilts," Licursi observed. "Both the pipes and the design probably evolved from the Romans in England. Bagpipes were well-known to the ancient Greeks, Spanish and Basque and have been traced as far back as the Egyptians."

The unit has entertained in such fes-

tivities as the Tournament of Roses and the Lodi Grape Festival. Later this summer it will fill a request to return to the Pacific National Exposition, to be held in Vancouver, Canada's equivalent of the Pasadena Rose Tournament.

Other events slated for June 14 include a 50-member honor guard dressed in artillery uniforms of the 1870's, a flag ceremony, a fashion show and the reopening of the Presidio Museum.

Top three and E4 stripes held

The Army has cut the number of promotions to the top three enlisted grades and to E4 because of revised June strength estimates for those grades.

There will be no June promotions to E7 and E9 and only 40 to E8. The Army had announced that during June it planned to promote 35 soldiers to E9, 144 to E8 and 350 to E7.

There is a chance some additional promotions will be authorized later as strength figures are updated, according to a Department of the Army spokesman. Soldiers in the top three enlisted grades who are not promoted as a result of June cutbacks can expect to be promoted in July.

June promotions to E4 will be reduced by suspending promotions for soldiers who need a time-in-service waiver. Suspension of the waiver will be lifted July 1. Stripes for Skills, student promotion programs and promotions to E4 for soldiers with more than 20 months time-in-service are not affected.

April strength figures, upon which June promotion estimates were computed, were higher than previously expected. In comparing field and DA strengths, MILPERCEN found errors that had occurred because of the reporting system.

Under SIDPERS (Standard Installation/Division Personnel System) the field will report personnel data directly to MILPERCEN. The new system should provide more timely data to DA and reduce the possibility of future miscalculations in projected promotions.

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Co-location scheduled for Club and Recreation Center

On approximately July 1, the Presidio will try a unique experiment when it co-locates the NCO/Enlisted Club and the Recreation Center. Under the co-location concept, both facilities will be located in Building 135, site of the present Recreation Center.

Neither the NCO/Enlisted Club nor Recreation Center programs will be altered materially or operated in a significantly different manner. Each program director will plan, coordinate, schedule and conduct their activities in basically the same manner in

which they are now operating.

Program activities will be carefully monitored to ensure that there is a well-rounded welfare and recreation program which meets the needs of the entire military community.

The command anticipates that one program will enhance the other by more participation because of the flexibility provided by co-location. As an example, during Recreation Center tournaments such as ping-pong, pool, cards and other events, the NCO/EM Club will be operating short order food

facilities enabling participants to purchase on-site sandwiches and soft drinks.

Permission for the co-location of the NCO/Enlisted Club and the Recreation Center was received from the Department of the Army. During the one-year trial of the concept, the program will be closely monitored by FORSCOM and Department of the Army. If the co-location concept proves to be successful, it will be considered for other selected posts throughout the Army.

For the men

Creations Unlimited will present a program of special interest to men Saturday when Colonel Al Franger demonstrates the technique of faceting an amethyst stone, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, Bldg. 911, Presidio. The Tiger-eye stone is popular for cuff-links and tie-tacks.

Susan White will demonstrate the technique of dyeing and cutting leather, 12 noon to 2 p.m. White's leather craft features American Indian designs.

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Transactional Analysis continues

The Transactional Analysis Film Course at the Rap Center is being continued due to its popularity.

The concluding films of the eight film series "Learning to Live" are being shown in Bldg. 201 (across from the dry cleaners) on Halleck Street. The schedule is as follows: June 13, Acquiring Life Scripts and June 20, Changing Life Scripts.

If the demand for this series continues, ADAP Counseling Services will re-run the series. In addition, an eight-session TA Workshop is now forming with a tentative starting date of July 1. For further information, contact Mr. Phillips, 561-2663/3784.

Learn to communicate

A new Toastmistress/Toastmaster Club is being formed at Fort Baker, California. Named "Baker By the Bay," it is open to both men and women.

The club is now seeking members interested in learning how to communicate and how to improve their ability to speak in front of others. Meetings are held the 1st and 3d Wednesdays of each month at 11:35 in Building 620, Fort Baker, June 18 will be a demonstration meeting by members of the newly formed club. "America — Old and New" will be the theme of the June meetings.

For more information, contact Betty Johnson, 7561 or Frank Dyer, 7462/7343.

Backpacking course offered

A three week course in backpacking techniques for inexperienced backpackers will be offered by the Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Avenue. The course begins June 11, 7 - 9 p.m. and will include proper equipment, how and where to set up camp, trail and off-trail hiking, and how to handle emergencies. For registration details, call 885-0460.

Bicentennial ceremonial unit will depict past

The Order of Drill and Ceremony prescribed by a former Presidio Commander, Colonel Emery Upton, in his 1870 manual, "Upton's Tactics," will be reenacted by the Presidio Bicentennial Ceremonial unit when it makes its public debut June 14 at the Army's birthday celebration here.

The 58-man unit comprised of members of Headquarters Command and the 504th Military Police Battalion will be dressed in the uniform of 1872 — the same one worn during the 1876 Centennial festivities at the Presidio.

Col. Upton served as the 4th Artillery Regimental and Presidio commander from July 1880 until his death in early 1881.

The uniforms worn by the Ceremonial unit, as well as their arms, will be replicas of those worn by the men of Upton's 4th Artillery.

The individuals assigned to the light battery of the unit will be outfitted in full dress of blue trousers and coat with red frogging on the breast, sleeve, brim cord and plumes.

The heavy artillerymen manning the field guns will be dressed in blue with red trim, and a small short brim cap.

The "Old Soldiers" will be armed with the .45-70 Springfield rifle and sabre.

In their initial appearance, the unit will perform Retreat and the lowering of the Stars and Stripes, with music by the Sixth U.S. Army Band. The Band will also be dressed in period uniforms — replicas of Upton's 4th Artillery Regimental Band of the same era.

In addition to providing the Calls for Retreat, the Band will perform throughout the day. Their repertoire will be based on the sounds of that bygone era such as "Garry Owen," General George Custer's favorite, and "The Girl I left Behind."

Following up their debut, June 14, the unit will appear at Candlestick Park the next day, just prior to the San Francisco Giants - Montreal Expos baseball game, as the Giants join other National and American League Baseball Clubs June 14 and 15 in honoring the Army's 200th Birthday.

In keeping with the "Spirit of '76," future requests for an Army Color Guard from the Presidio will be filled whenever possible during the Bicentennial period by the Ceremonial Unit.

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Patti Kim, one of Korea's greatest singing stars who has entertained American servicemen in the Far East and Southeast Asia for the past 15 years will perform her first San Francisco engagement Saturday, 8:30 p.m. at Masonic Auditorium.

A performer on Korean and Japanese television, Miss Kim will sing popular American songs such as "Till," "You've Got A Friend," "Help Me Make It Through The Night," "Yesterday" and Korean songs.

Military personnel and dependents who present their ID cards at the Masonic Auditorium box office can obtain greatly reduced price tickets. With an ID card, \$5 tickets will cost \$2 and \$7 tickets will cost \$3.



Youth League Baseball

Presidio's CYO 4th graders remained undefeated Sunday, moving one game closer to the city title with a 4-1 win over Holy Name at Jackson Park.

Nathaniel Holland's two-run double in the fourth inning broke the game open for the post team. Mark Gabriel, Dwayne Redmon and Gary Gasper combined to pitch a one-hitter, allowing only one run in the bottom of the third.

The 4th graders will play Holy Name again Sunday and move on to the city championship if they win.

Meanwhile, St. Monica's defeated the Presidio 6th graders 10-7 Saturday, ending their hopes of a city title.

St. Monica's who, along with the Presidio 4th graders, are the only undefeated CYO team in the city, jumped out to an early 10-1 lead. Presidio came back to score in the fifth and sixth.

The 6th graders, who finished second to St. Monica's in season play, are out of the playoffs as a result of the loss.

Presidio Youth Baseball Openings

BANTAM LEAGUE (Boys and Girls)
MAJOR LEAGUE (Ages 11-12)

The Major League season will commence Tuesday, June 10 at Pop Hicks Field with BANTAM LEAGUE Opening Day Ceremonies scheduled for 5 p.m. followed by the season's first Major League game between the METS and the CUBS at 5:30 p.m.

MINOR LEAGUE (Ages 8-10)

The Minor League season will commence Tuesday, June 17, at Pop Hicks Field with the season's first Minor League game scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Teams will be announced at a later date. For additional information call MSG Frank Castro, Tel. 561-5014, office, 387-9282, home.

CAL-PAL LEAGUE (Boys & Girls, ages 13-15)

The CAL-PAL League season will commence June 17 at Paul Goode Field. For additional information call: SSG Edward Morrissey, CAL-PAL LEAGUE Commissioner at Tel. 561-4845, office, 561-2806, home.



These children show their enjoyment of the most recent Vacation Church School. Vacation Church School will be held this year at the Religious Activities Center beginning June 23 — July 3. Nine morning sessions, 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., will explore the theme "Followers of Jesus." Registration must be made by June 9. Persons desiring additional information or who want to volunteer assistance should call 561-3535/4440.



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MPs get inside look at civilian law enforcement

By C. D. Steen

Military Police assigned to the Presidio are being offered an inside look at civilian law enforcement through a new training program entitled "Ride-Along." This program permits Presidio-assigned military police to accompany an officer of a Bay area police agency or sheriff department during a routine motorized patrol.

The MPs wear civilian clothing during the patrol and are observers only. They carry no police equipment and are not permitted to physically assist civilian police. (Federal police agencies are not permitted to aid local or state police except under certain circumstances. Military Police are considered a federal police agency under the Department of Defense.)

Civilian and military police have praised the Ride-Along program. "The training is designed to get the military police out of the classroom and into actual on-the-job situations. There's a lot more to be learned this way," said Lieutenant Bobby Summers, coordinator of the program.

"All MP companies are participating in Ride-Along and any MP may request the special assignment or they may be fitted into it as part of their training. Seventy MPs have already participated in the one-week course," he added.

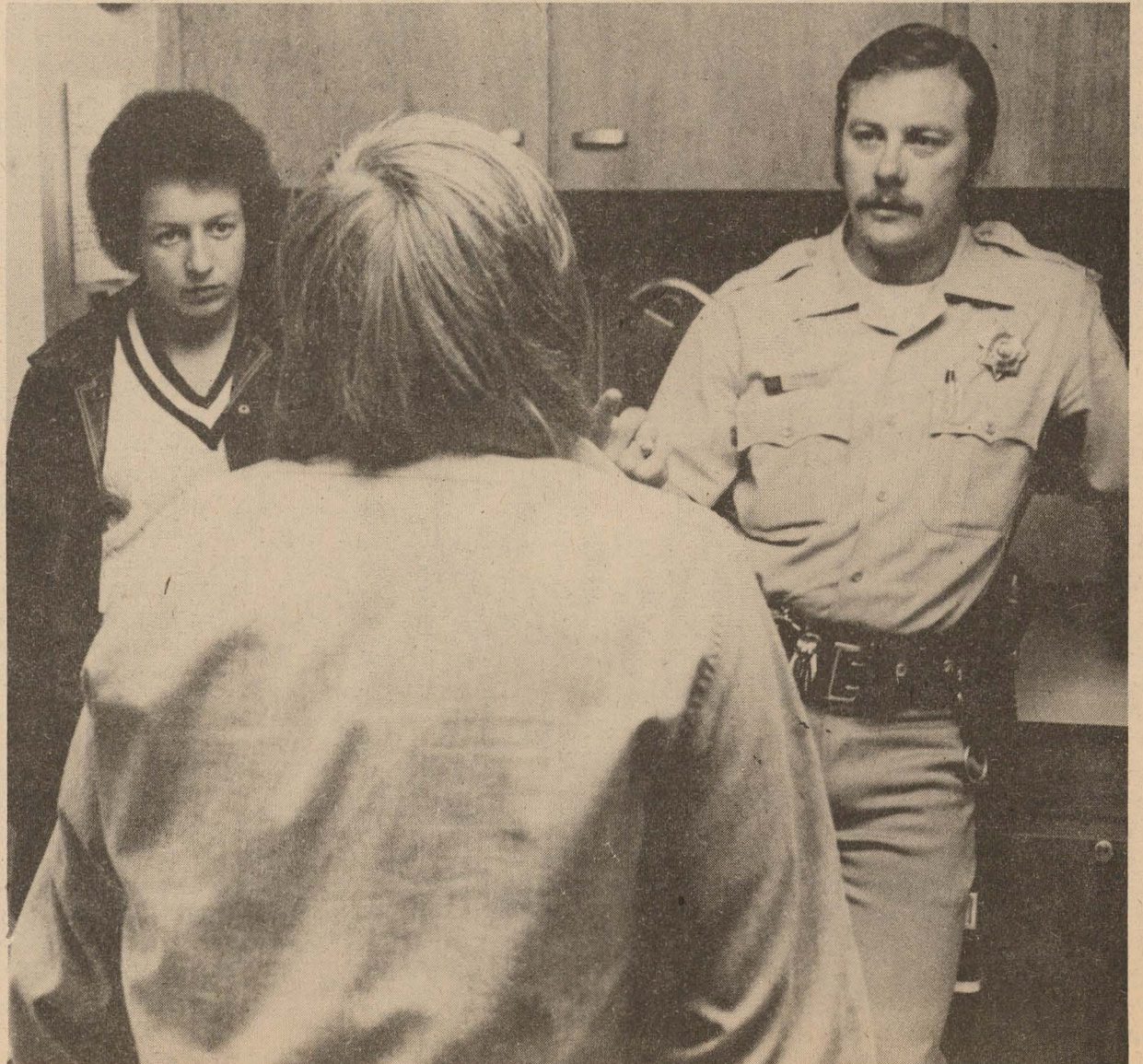
Police agencies that are supporting the Presidio's MP Ride-Along program are Daly City, Novato, San Leandro, Berkeley, and the sheriff departments of San Mateo and Alameda Counties.

SP4 Linda Tolley of the 170th MP Company claims her week-long assignment with the San Leandro Police Department was some of the best training she has received since her assignment to the Presidio.

"I've learned quite a few things that I may never be exposed to while assigned at the Presidio," Tolley claimed on the last day of her special assignment.

"From the time I arrived at the department in the morning, until I left in the afternoon, there was something new to learn. I learned better ways to question people from officer Dave Fischer (the policeman she rode with), witnessed drug raids, watched arrests, and even rode in a police ambulance a couple of times."

The MP said the training with the civilian department not only enhanced her proficiency but gave her a more professional attitude toward her role as a police officer.



SP4 Linda Tolley observes as police officer Dave Fischer questions a complainant.

San Leandro police officer Dave Fischer, and other police officials, holds the same views about the Ride-Along program.

Fischer said, "The program is a great idea. Linda and I were able to compare the different techniques used by each police force as a situation came up. Basically, they are similar, as far as what I was told by my temporary partner, but usually there are slight variations and the verbal information shared between us may help us improve in future situations."

Lieutenant Summers said that the Ride-Along program will continue as long as the MPs benefit from it.

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BOB MULCREVY

Army looking for ninth track title in Oakland



Hammer thrower Bill Diehl will be one of eleven athletes defending their titles at the interservice meet today and tomorrow.

Marines take four events

Garcia's records pace Army tune-up

By John Chambers

Finally running his six-mile specialty, Jerry Garcia set stadium, meet and Pacific AAU records as Army took a final interservice tune-up at the Pacific AAU Track and Field Championships in San Mateo, Saturday.

The Marines, Army's archrivals at this weekend's inter-service track meet, entered some 22 athletes; but both teams held back some of their top men.

Army took firsts in the six-mile, three mile, the 440 yard relay, the 440 intermediate hurdles and the mile relay, while competing seriously in only one field event, the pole vault.

Garcia, a New Mexico native, led off the Army string of victories with a 27:58.8 in the second event of the day, the six mile run. Garcia, who needed the mark to qualify for the national AAUs, led the field from the start and defeated his nearest competitor, Jim Nuccio, by more than a minute.

"They wanted me to run the 5,000 meters, but I'm sick of running the 5,000 meters," Garcia said before the race. He had been running shorter races this season to build speed.

The diminutive Ft. Ord PFC opened a 20-yard lead at the start and clocked the three-mile point in under 14 minutes. At four miles, he was running by himself with Nuccio a half lap behind.

It was, unofficially, the seventh fastest six-mile of the year and the best ever by a Pacific AAU runner.

"I wanted to go into the interservice meet with a good time," said Garcia.

"I'm going to let George (Stewart) take care of the interservice three-mile, and I'm going to run the heck out of the six."

A hoped for preview of the Army-Marine interservice rivalry materialized only in part as neither squad entered a full team.

Conspicuously absent from the Marine effort were three and six miler Tom Childers, miler Dennis Fikes and 880-man Skip Kent.

Army failed to enter javelin thrower Bob Wallis, star hurdler Tom Hill and miler Graig Camp. Hill and Camp did not join the team until Wednesday. Nor did Tommy Haynes, Rayfield Dupree, Barry McClure or Al Lanier enter the long or triple jumps — events that have virtually been conceded to them at the interservice meet.

Army took a slight edge in the head-on competition, defeating the Marines in three of five events.

Marine Dick Garrett easily handled the Army's top sprinter, Louis Wilson, in the 100 meters. Wilson, only hours off the plane from the U.S. Track Tour of China, got a slow start out of the blocks. Garrett pulled ahead at the 75 meter mark and held on for 10.8 second win against a strong headwind. Wilson finished third (11.0) behind teammate Tommy Haynes.

In an earlier sprint, Army bested the Marines with a 41.5 in the 440 relay. Wilson this time defeated Garrett in the race's anchor leg, edging out the Marine by two-tenths of a second.

ARMY/MARINE RESULTS IN

Army is favored to win its ninth straight title in the 1975 Interservice Track and Field Championships today and tomorrow at Laney Junior College in Oakland.

Boasting ten qualifiers for the national AAU championships, the Army team will receive strong competition from the Marines who feel they have one of their strongest fields ever.

The meet will get underway at 3:15 p.m. today (Friday) with opening ceremonies at the Laney track stadium, and complete its 20-event program starting at the same time tomorrow. Three events, the javelin, hammer and discus, will take place at U.C. Berkeley due to a lack of facilities at Laney.

Army is the strong favorite to take three of the field events — the javelin, triple jump and long jump — as well as the 110 meter high hurdles.

The Marines are favored to win the high jump, and the 800 and 1,500 meter runs. They are also strong contenders in several other events and figure to place in almost every competition along with Army.

The Navy and Air Force, with 14 and 10 competitors, respectively, do not figure in the team competition. They could play a major factor in a Marine upset by winning events expected to go to Army.

Tommy Haynes leads the list of top Army athletes at today's meet. The world-class triple jumper returned Friday from the U.S. track tour of China along with Army team members Al Lanier, Louis Wilson and Rayfield Dupree.

The 1974 NCAA indoor champ could lead an Army sweep of the triple jump along with Dupree and Barry McClure. All three have jumps well in excess of

the interservice record. Defending triple jump champ, Bill McClellan of the Air Force will be their stiffest competition.

A top-flight field is set for the hammer throw at Berkeley with Army's champ Bill Diehl defending his title against Peter Galle (Air Force), Ted Bregar (Navy) and teammate Bill Shuff. All four are considered among the top hammer throwers in the nation.

Louis Wilson, the hero of last year's interservice meet, will be defending four titles in the 100 and 200 meter dashes and the 400 and 1,600 meter relays.

Marine Dick Garrett will be Wilson's main competition in the individual events. Last week at the Pacific AAU Championships, Wilson out ran Garrett in the 440 relay but lost to him in the 100 meter dash.

The Marines have left no doubt that they are out to beat Wilson. "Garrett hasn't been thinking about anything but beating Wilson," says Marine coach Dave Pritchard.

Directions to interservice track meet

Here are the directions to the Laney Junior College track stadium, site of the Interservice Track and Field Championships:

From San Francisco, take the Bay Bridge to Highway 17 and take the "Downtown Oakland" exit. Turn off 17 at Jackson Street and stay in left lane. Follow "Laney J.C." signs on the right side of street. Turn left on Oak Street and right on 10th Street. Follow road and the stadium will be on your right.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL (June 3)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
Western Recruiting	3	0
170th MP Company	3	0
Letterman	3	0
402nd MP Company	1	1
Garrison	1	2
Support Element	0	2
LAIR	0	3
Corps of Engineers	0	3

Ft. Scott League

	Won	Lost
864th Engineers	3	0
HHd 504th MP Battalion	3	0
Armed Forces Police	3	0
Readiness Region IX	1	2
16th Base Post Office	1	2
666th Radar Squadron	1	2
Med Lab	0	3
525th MI Group	0	3

INTRAMURAL BOWLING (June 2)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
Communications Command	7	1
402nd MP Company	7	1
Armed Forces Police	5½	2½
Garrison	5	3
Support Element	4	4
CID	4	4
525th MI Group	3	5
Sixth Army Band	2½	5½
170th MP Company	1	7
Harbor Craft	1	7

Total entry fee, including greens fee, is \$6.00. Entry fees should be paid to Charlie Tubbs at the Fort Scott Gymnasium (Building 1226) thru Monday, June 16.

For additional information, call Charlies Tubbs (5328) or Mac Roberts (4242).

PAC-AAU CHAMPIONSHIPS

6 Mile: 1. Garcia (Army) 27:58.8; **Long Jump:** 2. Meriwether (Army) 21'7¼"; 4. Werling (USMC) 20'7½"; **High Jump:** 1. Turner (USMC) 6'8"; 2. Johnson (USMC) 6'6"; **440 Relay:** 1. Army 41.5; 2. USMC 41.7 **Mile:** 1. Ybarbo (USMC) 4:13.7; 2. Elk (USMC) 4:15.2; 4. Meyer (USMC) 4:16.2 **120 HH:** 4. Meriwether (Army) 14.9 **Discus:** 2. Louisiana (Army) 183'11" **880:** 1. Kramer (USMC) 1:54.8; 2. McCafferty (Army) 1:55.6 **440:** 2. Haney (Army) 48.2; 4. Stephan (USMC) 48.7 **440IH:** 1. Shumski (Army) 54.3; 2. Faison (USMC) 54.9; 3. Maffei (Army) 58.4 **220:** 2. Turner (Army) 22.5; 4. Haney (Army) 22.8 **3 Mile:** 1. Stewart (Army) 14:08.2 **Mile Relay:** 1. Army 3:23.2; 4. Army "B" Team 3:28.9 **100 Meters:** 1. Garrett (USMC) 10.8; 2. Haynes (Army) 10.9; 3. Wilson (Army) 11.0.

Civilian worker's golf tournament

The first annual Presidio Civilian Employee Golf Tournament will be held Thursday, June 19 at the Presidio Golf Course.

Only civilian employees of the Presidio, male and female, are eligible to play.

Tournament competition will be conducted under the Callaway handicap system. This system establishes the individual handicap from the gross score of the tournament game.

The tournament will have two division of competition. The Open Division will consist of all players under 45 years of age and the Senior's Division will be all players 45 years of age and over. There will be first and second place winners in each division. If sign-up is sufficient, additional prizes will be awarded.

Panfish thrive in Clear Lake

By C.D. Steen

Crappie is the name of a small but plentiful and delicious-tasting panfish, and reports in the sporting sections of some local newspapers say that anglers are catching the silver and black speckled fish by the hundreds.

To ascertain the veracity of these reports, I and two other Presidio sergeants, Gary Moulton and Wayne Colla, made the 70 some-odd mile trip to Clear Lake for some fishing of our own.

Upon arriving at a boat rental and tackle shop located near the lakeside community of Ferndale, we bombarded the pretty blonde behind the counter with an avalanche of questions all centered around "where do we go to catch crappie?"

Her curt reply: "Anywhere on the lake!" But she added that the fishing is usually better from a boat, probably hoping we would rent one from her. We did.

The counter girl was true to her words — crappie **could** be found anywhere. As soon as the boat was stopped and anchored, we began cranking in the spiny-finned, soon-to-be-fileted fish.

We moved about half-a-dozen times and each spot delivered. At the end of

the day we had around 400 crappie between us. These weren't counting the uncountable smaller fish we threw back.

After returning to the dock, a couple hours were spent fileting crappie into solid slabs of meat.

If you're interested in filling the freezer with some of the best-tasting fish this side of tuna, read on. The following is the basic standard operating procedure on how and where to catch crappie.

As mentioned before, a boat is a nice piece of equipment to have, but definitely isn't a necessity.

Crappie are caught close to shore, near the reeds that grow tall along the shore, among sunken brush and trees, and sometimes where it is rocky.

The crappie are spawning now and are found in great numbers almost anywhere you go. Most of the fish are small, around a half-pound in weight, but bigger ones, up to two pounds, can be found among them.

If you want only big ones, there is a lot of hunting involved. These fish are usually found in deep water, or in heavy underwater brush where they prefer to spawn. Some local Lake County residents know where to find

them, but few will let their secret fishing spots leak out.

The best baits are small feathered or rubber-skirted jigs available at the PX or any sporting goods store. The boat rental place mentioned has many assortments and colors. All work well.

Live minnows work equally well, but are costly and time consuming as you have to keep replacing the minnows as they are ripped off by the incessantly hungry crappie. Many veteran crappie catchers will tell you, however, that the large crappie seem to prefer minnows.

If jigs are your chosen bait, there are a couple of methods on how to use them. Many anglers prefer to use a bobber and fish the jig as if live bait were used. Depth settings vary but three to five feet down has worked well.

Cast your line to reeds, brush, or wherever you think the fish might be. Retrieve slowly, giving the line slight jerking motions. The crappie will grab the bait and yank the bobber down.

Set the hook and keep a tight line. A crappie's mouth is soft and the hook may come out if the line slacks.

If you prefer not to use a bobber, fish the jig like any lure, but reel slowly and

again give slight jerking motions. The fish don't hit hard and all you may feel is a sudden weight. Many times a crappie will grab the lure as it sinks and your fish is hooked before you even start your retrieve.

Once you hit a hot spot the fishing may never slacken. If it does, just move a little along the chosen area until you hit them again.

How many crappie you catch depends how long you keep after them. But it isn't unusual to fill a large cooler or to overload your stringer. People

bring in as many as two or three hundred per person.

Describing how to filet a crappie would be difficult here, so the best way to find out is to ask someone familiar with the process. Once you get the hang of it, it's easy.

If you want to try crappie fishing, don't wait too long. The fish are spawning through early June. Later it will become harder to find them though they certainly don't disappear. But to catch them in large quantities, pack up the ole fishing gear and get going!

U.S. Armed Forces team hopes to

Beat the Italians!

By John Chambers

"There. Guess what that is," said U.S. Armed Forces basketball coach Hal Fischer. Fischer held out a half-inflated leather spheroid with octagonal stitching like a soccer ball.

"That's the basketball from the 1951 Olympics in Buenos Aires," beamed Fischer. He continued the tour through his Santa Rosa home, gesturing here and there toward trophies from every imaginable level of amateur basketball play.

"Can you read that?" he asked, pointing to etchings on a trophy from the 1971 CISM games in Greece. "These are AAU championship trophies," he continued, tilting one of several three-foot high monsters surrounding his den.

Hal Fischer has won more than 20 national and international titles during his 25-plus years of coaching; everything from interservice championships to Olympic gold medals.

But his main concern now is an Italian team he will face at the CISM (Council International du Sport Militaire) Games in Athens, Greece this June. Led by tough forwards and a high-scoring guard, the Italians have kept Fischer and his teams from winning the military Olympics for the last two years.

They beat the U.S. 87-81 last year in Washington D.C. and by one point the year before.

What makes the Italians so good? "They have great players," says assistant Armed Forces Coach Wilbert Logan.

"Great" might be underlined in this case. Pierluigi Marzorate, their star guard, leads what is actually the Italian national team. Averaging 30 to 40 points per game, Marzorate reportedly turned down a \$250,000 offer to play for the New York Knicks.

The 6-foot, 4-inch guard can reportedly score from anywhere on the court. One of his favorite moves is an off balance shot that goes up before the opposition realizes he has stopped dribbling.

"I swear he can score anytime he

wants to," says Armed Forces center Ted Campbell who is a three-time veteran against the Italians.

When the shots aren't there, Marzorate dumps the ball off to two fine forwards, Dino Meneghin and Dellafiosa. Both around six-foot ten, they are also said to have turned down NBA offers.

"They are aggressive, driving, shooting and rebounding forwards," says Campbell who stands six-foot nine, 270 pounds. "The Italians don't get any small guys up front, they're all my size."

To counter the Italians, the U.S. team, which has been training here for the last two months, will rely on muscle, size and a strong bench.

"We're much deeper than we were last year," says Fischer who had only nine players until a few days before the 1974 tournament.

Alex Scott, a 6-4 guard who played at the University of New Mexico, will have the primary responsibility of stopping Marzorate. Team members feel his height will make Scott a good match for the Italian, who was too much for the 6-1 guards the U.S. had last year.

"Also, we're going to have men out on the wings so that Marzorate can't dump the ball off to Dellafiosa or one of the other forwards," says Campbell.

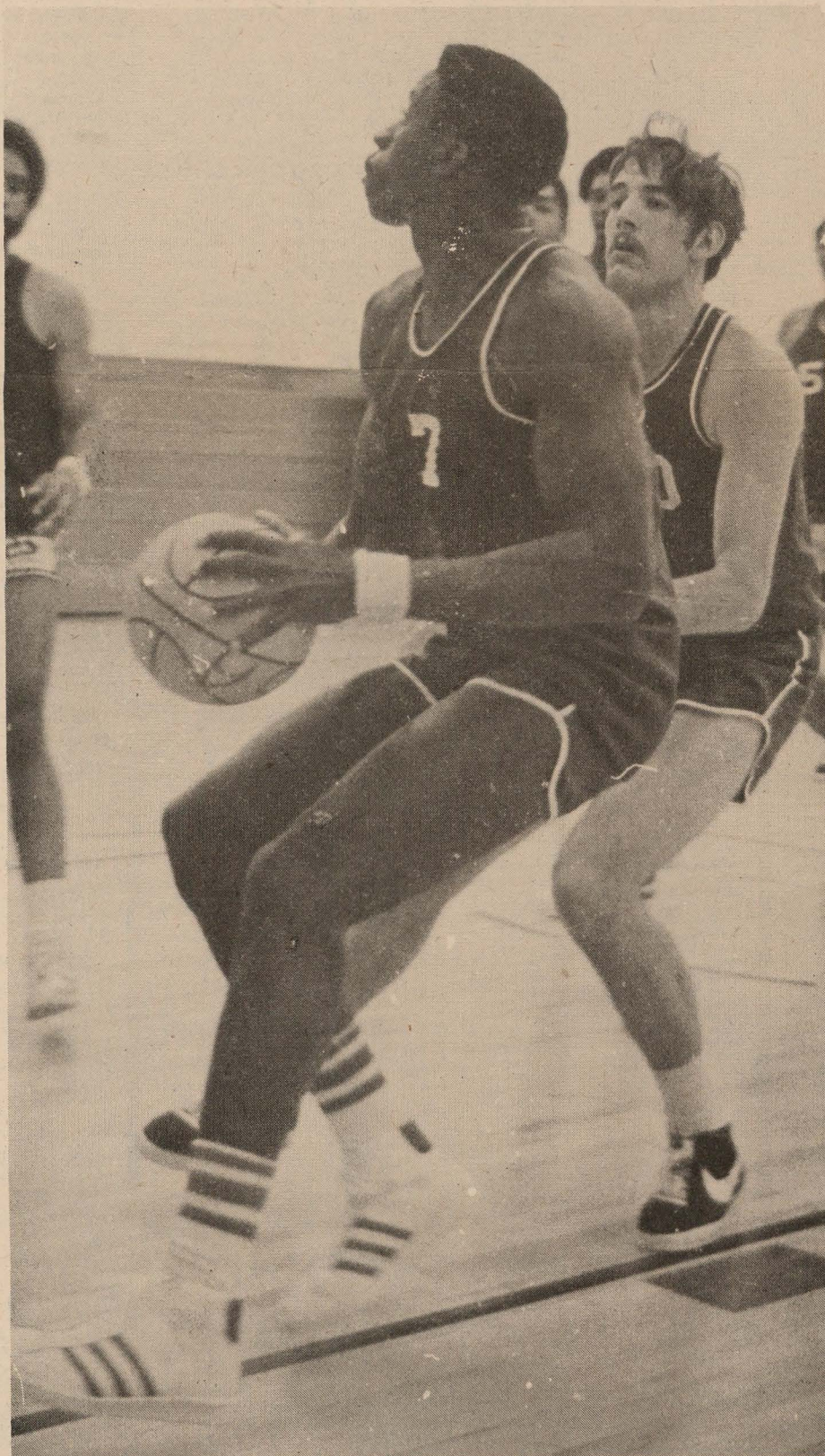
Campbell, Fischer and the Armed Forces team — composed of ten Army men and two Marines — leave Monday (June 9) for Germany where they will play tune-up games against the University of Heidelberg and the German national team.

"Most of this will be just to get used to the crazy European officials," says Fischer.

Other conditions at international competitions overseas can be less than ideal.

"One year at the World Games in Malaysia, we had to play outside after a downpour," says Fischer. "There were puddles all over the courts. We couldn't dribble the ball. We had to pass it."

Greece held the 1971 CISM Games outdoors at night. One-hundred-watt light bulbs illuminated the court and sometimes blinded players.



Reserves like Marine forward Ed Lemon (with ball) have deepened this year's U.S. Armed Forces squad.

This year's games are expected to be inside at the Alexandria Melathrone. Heat could be a major disadvantage to the U.S. team since even night time temperatures in Athens hover in the 78-degree range. Fischer hopes his players will adjust to the climate against the weaker teams in the early

rounds of the 13-nation competition.

It has been two years since the U.S. last won a CISM basketball title and this year they are expecting to face the Italians once again in the finals. "It should be a real good game," says Fischer.



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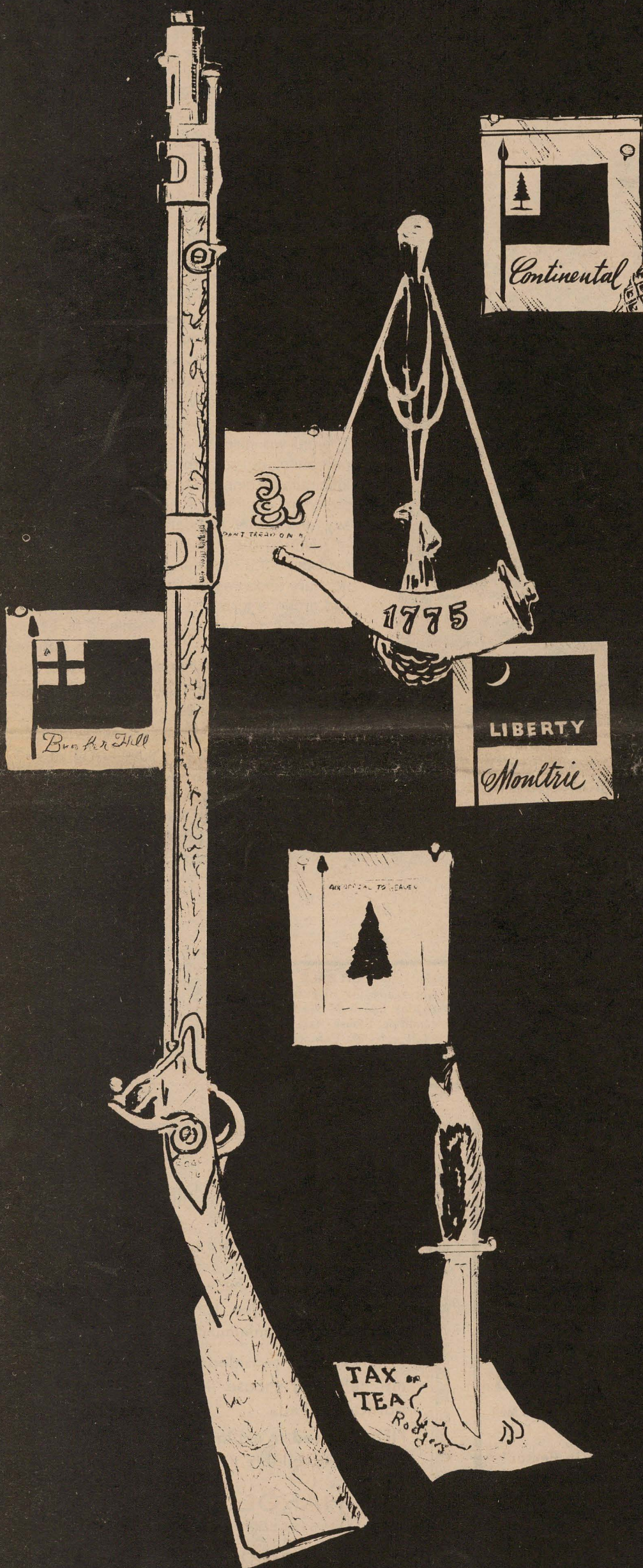
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JUNE 14, 1975



June 14, 1975 is the 200th anniversary of the United States Army. It is also the 198th anniversary of our national flag. Both the Army and the Stars and Stripes are deeply rooted in our American heritage of freedom.

To safeguard this heritage, more than two million men and women proudly serve in the Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve today. Their professionalism, whether on the field of battle or on the home front, is unsurpassed in the annals of our nation's history. They patrol in Korea and train troops stateside. They man a checkpoint in Berlin and keep a watch on a lonely South Pacific outpost.

They, with their service, display an unswerving belief in the freedom of individuals and the independence of nations.

This has been our national conviction for two hundred years and it was the same conviction that gave birth to our Army. On June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress, meeting in Philadelphia, authorized the recruitment of ten companies of riflemen from Pennsylvania, Virginia and Maryland that were to join the musket-armed militiamen already besieging the British at Boston. The militiamen from New England and the enlistees from the Middle Atlantic states established the organization we now know as the United States Army.

The Army's combat role in protecting the interests of the nation is well recorded. But not all the Army's service to the nation has been on the field of battle. Equally important, but less well known, are contributions that are not strictly military.

From the Revolutionary War to the "War to end all wars," through Europe and the Pacific, to the beaches of Korea, the Army has protected the freedom of Americans.

The Army has met the challenge on the battlefield, but it can also look to its accomplishments in the laboratory, communications, education and technology.

It was the Army that served as advance guard and guide in the opening of the West. Pushing westward ahead of the settlers, the Army surveyed the land, fortified the new territories, protected the fur trade and helped establish the great transcontinental trails through frontier wilderness.

Army engineers built lighthouses, roads and harbors to help create an industrial giant. The Army's space program has contributed to research in medicine and communication. Army rescue efforts have saved countless lives when disaster struck at home and overseas. The Army's medical department conquered typhoid, malaria, yellow fever and tuberculosis.

It is appropriate, therefore, that we pause to consider our proud heritage and tradition.

Now, just as in the days of Benedict Arnold, the world challenges us to live up to our ethics and to demonstrate the value of our code of Duty - Honor - Country.

On this anniversary of our Army and our flag, we can take pride in our flag and the national strength and unity it symbolizes. We can take pride in our army for what it has done and is doing for the protection of our national freedom and the betterment of society.

Army celebrates 200th anniversary

See agenda, tours and map on pages 4 & 5

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Army celebrates 200th birthday



These two modern day Presidio soldiers model the type of clothing worn by men and women of the Presidio in the past. Many other

types of uniforms and clothing will be modeled during the fashion show which is part of the Army's birthday celebration at the Presidio. (Photo courtesy of Antonio Conde Reyes)

One of the Bay Area's first Bicentennial celebrations will take place Saturday when the Army at the Presidio celebrates its 200th birthday.

The event, which is open to the public, will feature numerous activities highlighting the Army's 200 years of service to the nation and the Presidio's 199 years of service to San Francisco and the Bay Area.

In addition to band concerts, a ceremonial unit, tours, a fashion show, and static displays, the observance will include activities and entertainment signifying the multi-culture heritage of the Army. Among these activities are a Filipino dance troupe, a Mariachi band, and a Caribbean revue. The Mantric Sun Mountain Band, a local string orchestra specializing in folk music, will also participate.

A preview event will occur today when two runners from the Presidio reenact the Message to Garcia Run. An annual occurrence during the 1920's and 30's, the run commemorates Lieutenant Andrew S. Rowan's delivery of a message from President William McKinley to General Calixto Garcia at the onset of the Spanish-American War in 1898.

Capping the day's events will be a ball sponsored by the Association of the United States Army. The ball will include historical uniforms worn by post personnel; music of the 91st Division Bagpipers; an inspirational dinner message by Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, president emeritus of San Francisco State University; and dinner and dancing.

During the day an informal atmosphere, reminiscent of a Victorian lawn party, will prevail. Visitors are encouraged to take advantage of the Presidio grounds for picnic lunches and recreation.

Parking areas will be available on Crissy Field. The installation will provide shuttle transportation from Crissy Field to the main Parade Ground. The Municipal Railway will continue its service as far as the bus stop on Lincoln Boulevard.

Due credit was not given to photographer Antonio Conde Reyes who provided the photograph printed on the May 30 Star Presidian's front page. Reyes, an extremely capable photographer, provides many of this publication's photographs.

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ACS group aids foreign born wives

Army Community Service (ACS) is organizing an International Wives' Committee to give foreign born wives an opportunity to meet other wives from their part of the world and to share homemaking skills and cultural interests with others.

An informal get-together will be held for foreign born wives and their husband, 7 - 9 p.m., June 16, at the Presidio Recreation Center, Bldg. 135.

Husbands and wives are encouraged to participate in this event during which several future activities will be discussed. Planned activities include: tours of the Presidio and Letterman Hospital to familiarize wives with hospital procedure and help them receive proper medical care; shopping trips to purchase various ethnic foods which are not available at the commissary; sight-seeing trips; cooking classes; English classes; helping wives to obtain driver's permits; forming a baby sitting cooperative to help reduce the cost and expense of baby-sitting; providing information concerning the military pay system, the benefits of a dependent and the expectations of a military wife.

Suggestions for other activities will also be accepted Monday evening.

Wives who need transportation to the meeting or who desire further information should contact Mrs. Kamaka or Mrs. Armstrong, 561-5155/5156.

Presidio Enlisted Wives Club

The Presidio Enlisted Wives Club will hold its June Social on Saturday June 21 at 7 p.m. at the Presidio Main NCO Club. Theme of the social will be a shipwreck party featuring, dinner, dancing and a treasure hunt.

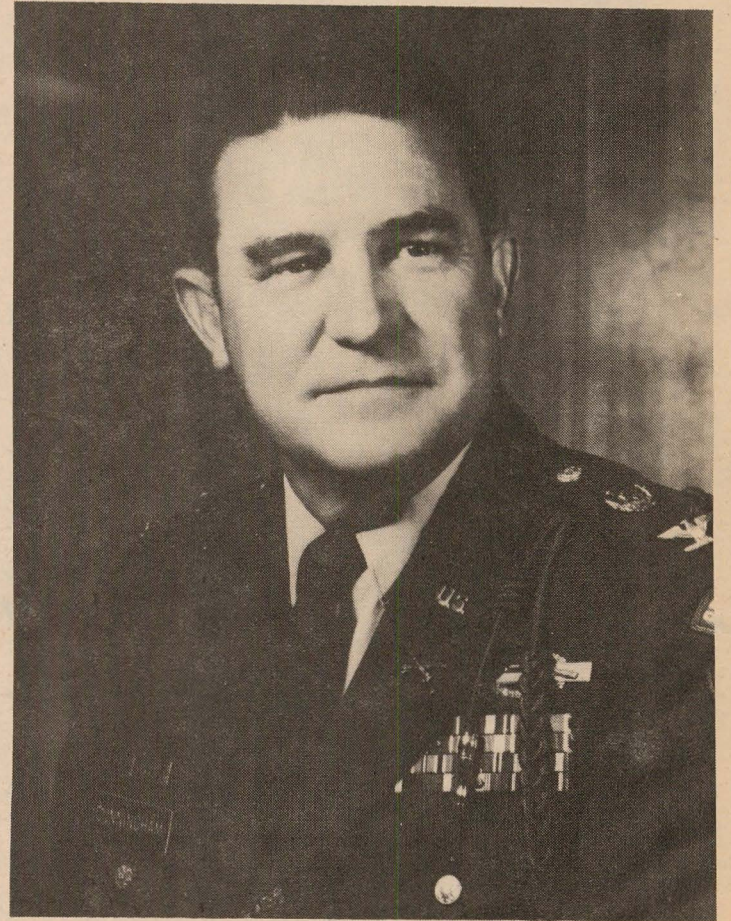
Bring a guest and join in the fun. Cost will be \$5 per person. Babysitting will be provided free of charge for members. Please contact Linda Burt 561-5146 or Herta Stuhler 561-4090 for further information. Reservations must be made by June 18.

Colonel Cunningham assigned as deputy commander of Presidio

Colonel John D. Cunningham assumed duties as deputy commander of the Presidio of San Francisco on June 5, replacing Colonel Gerald E. Robinson, who will be medically retired soon.

A 33-year Army veteran, Col. Cunningham was chief of staff for the Western Regional Recruiting Command, Fort Baker, prior to his assignment to the Presidio. He has also served in Saudi Arabia, Korea, and in the European Theater, as well as in numerous CONUS assignments.

A graduate of the University of Omaha, the colonel has attended several advanced military schools, including the Infantry School Advanced Course, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Army War College.



Bicentennial parking and bus

The Presidio will celebrate the Army's 200th birthday on Saturday, June 14. As a result of this celebration, the following parking restrictions will be in effect on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14.

No parking will be allowed on the Main Parade Ground, Friday or Saturday. Individuals who normally park in this area are encouraged to use other means of transportation, if possible, on Friday.

Crissy Air Field will be used as alternate parking both days. Shuttle bus service will be provided to and from Crissy Field. The hours and routes are as follows:

Friday, 6 - 8 a.m. and 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., the route is Main Gate Crissy Field - Mason St. - Halleck St. - Lincoln Blvd. - Montgomery

St. - Moraga Ave. - Graham St. - Lincoln Blvd. - Main Gate Crissy Field.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. the route will be Main Gate Crissy Field - Mason St. - Halleck St. - Mason St. - Main Gate Crissy Field.

Presidio holds youth ballet

The public is invited to attend the 1975 Youth Ballet Recital, which will be presented at 3 p.m. June 15, at the Schwartz Theater, LAMC. The recital will be under the direction of Helen Piernik, who was in the original Ballet Russe in Shanghai, China.

A new ballet class will begin July 8 and end August 26. For further information, contact Mrs. Piernik between 12 noon and 2 p.m. at 994-0681.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Army Bicentennial Presidio of San Francisco

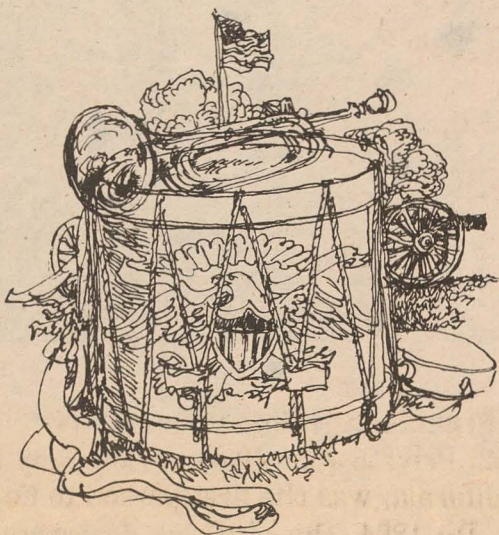
Opening Ceremonies

Parade Field

(10:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.)

Welcoming Address
Invocation
National Anthem
Special Color Guards
Introduction of Dignitaries
Remarks/Presidio History
Flag Pageant w/Narration
Music

Col. Kane
Post Chaplain
91st Div (TNG)
USAG
Col. Kane
Col. Kane
91st Div (TNG)
91st Div (TNG)



Afternoon Events

Parade Field

11:30 - 12 noon
12:00 - 1 p.m.
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
3:30 - 4:00 p.m.
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Band Concert
Fashion Show (1775-1975)
Mantric Sun Mountain Band
Mariachi Band
Prince Charles Jr. Pipe Band
Filipino Dance Troupe
Western Twirlers
Caribbean Revue
Pipes and Drums

91st Div (TNG) Band
Parade Ground

1st Brigade (BCT)
91st Div (TNG)

Closing Ceremony - 1870 Era

(4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Presentation of Presidio
Bicentennial Unit
Honors
Sound Off
Retreat
Reports
Inspection of Troops
Remarks and Acknowledgement
of Military Dignitaries
Benediction
Orders of the Day
Pass in Review

Lt. Gen. Flanagan

Col. Kane
Chaplain (Col.) Johnson

Continuous Events

(11:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.)

Museum Tours
Historical Tours
"Two Centuries of Service"
Ethnic/Cultural Displays
Victorian Picnic
Walking Tours
Medical Display
Information Booth
Static Displays
Post Chapel Displays

Army Museum
Presidio Grounds
Post Theater
Race Relations Center
Presidio Grounds
Presidio Grounds
Museum Grounds
Museum Grounds
Parade Ground
Main Chapel
Our Lady's Chapel
Firehouse

Firefighter Open House

Echoes in the hall of history

Two hundred years of history are marked in the tour trail at Presidio. The guide on page 5 leads to 26 of the major historic points.

Station #1 - Pershing Square

The flagpole marks the 1915 location of the home of General John J. Pershing and his family. While he was on duty on the Mexican Border in August 1915, a fire broke out in the house and took the lives of Mrs. Pershing and their three daughters. Only their son, Warren Pershing, was rescued. Today the area around the flagpole is called Pershing Square.

Station #2 - Stone Powder Magazine

The Old Stone Powder Magazine was built in 1845 by the American troops for ammunition storage. It is now used for storing blank ammunition for the salute cannons.

Station #3 - Centennial Tree

In commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States, this eucalyptus tree was planted at this site, on July 4, 1876, by Angelo Berta, Post Trader of the Presidio of San Francisco.

Station #4 - Indian and Spanish Burial Ground

This area is the location of the Old Indian and Spanish Burial Grounds. When the San Francisco National Cemetery was built the graves were moved to the new site.

Station #5 - Bank and Post Office

This building, erected in 1900, was used as the guard house and stockade. Today it houses the Wells Fargo Banking facility on Post.

Station #6 - Presidio Officers' Club

On the location where the Officers' Club now stands, Lieutenant Moraga constructed his Comandancia (Headquarters). The structure, a crude flat-topped house, was the first building in what is now called the San Francisco area and was still in use when the Americans formally occupied the Presidio in 1847.

Station #7 - Funston Avenue

The wooden frame houses seen along Funston Avenue were built in 1870 for the officers of the 9th Infantry. Halfway along the line of quarters, at what is now the intersection of Presidio and Funston Avenues, was the entrance to the old Presidio Parade Ground. It was called Alameda Gate and was an extension of the main road leading into the Presidio from the City.

Station #8 - Alameda Gate

At one time this area was lined with cannon balls. Many considered it the most beautiful spot on the post.

Station #9 - Presidio Army Museum

This building, the oldest on post, was built by the United States Army. Completed in January 1857, it was opened as the Wright General Hospital.

Station #10 - Crissy Field

Crissy Field, the oldest active Army airfield and birthplace of military aviation on the west coast, is one feature which is best viewed from this vantage point. At various times the air strip site has been used as a supply dump, parade ground, bivouac area, and in 1915, as a race track during the Panama Pacific Exposition.

Station #11 - Pet Cemetery

In the past military personnel stationed at the Presidio have buried deceased pets in this picturesque little burial plot, which is now closed. Grave markers are provided by the pets owners, and the inscriptions express the feelings of the owners for their faithful pets. Operated by the Post veterinarian, the cemetery is maintained by private funds.

Station #12 - Old Stables

These old brick stables bring to mind the days when horses were used for transportation. The stables were built in 1914 and used until the mid 1940's. Each building accommodated 102 horses or mules.

Station #13 - Trees

When the United States took possession of the Presidio in 1846, there were no trees on the grounds. In the 1880's and 1890's, Major General Irving McDowell initiated a Forestation Program. Each year, on Arbor Day, school children were invited out to the Post to plant trees. Today, there are more than 90,000 trees on the grounds.

Station #14 - Fort Winfield Scott

At one time Fort Winfield Scott, a Coast Artillery Post, was a separate installation from the Presidio. Now it is an integral part of the Presidio.

Station #15 - Fort Scott Officers Housing

These buildings were originally built in 1912 as officers' quarters for the Coast Artillery Units stationed at the Presidio. Although the sounds of the big Artillery weapons are silent, the buildings are still used as officers' quarters.

Station #16 - Building 1337

This beautiful building was built in 1915 as General Officer's family housing and has been used as such ever since. The name of the present occupant is on the sign by the road.

Station #17 - Battery Saffold

At one time, this battery had two, 1888 model, 12 inch guns which were mounted on barbette carriages. The battery was named in honor of Captain Marion M. Saffold, 13th U.S. Infantry, who was killed in action on October 8, 1899, at Cavite, Viego of Luzon, Philippine Islands.

Station #18 - Bay View

On a clear day, the Farallones Islands are visible from this particular point. This scenic spot is used frequently by photographers for taking pictures of incoming and outgoing ships.

Station #19 - Fort Scott Troop Billets

These troop billets were originally built in 1910 as quarters for the Coast Artillerymen who were responsible for the defense of the Bay. The buildings now house the soldiers of the 504th Military Police Battalion and D Company, 864th Engineer Battalion. They represent the only line units located on the Presidio.

Station #20 - Battery Boutelle

Battery Boutelle was armed with three, 5 inch, rapid fire, pillar-mounted guns. It was named in honor of Lieutenant Henry M. Boutelle, 3rd U. S. Artillery, who was killed in action near Aliagia, Philippine Islands. Its guns were dismantled in 1920.

Station #21 - Doyle Drive (HWY 101)

When the Golden Gate Bridge was built in 1937, the land on both ends was turned over to the Bridge Authority by the military. This included both Doyle Drive and 19th Avenue, which serve as access roads.

Station #22 - Fort Point

On December 8, 1974, the Spanish completed a fortification, El Castillo de San Joaquin, at what is now the south end of the Golden Gate Bridge and the site of Fort Point. The Castillo was built in the form of a horseshoe with 10-foot-thick, palisade-type walls. Eight bronze cannons, cast in Lima, Peru, in the 17th century, were placed in the embrasures that pierced the fort walls.

Station #23 - Scott Hall

Scott Hall was built in 1921 as transit quarters for enlisted families reporting to the Presidio for duty. It is used for the same purpose today.

Station #24 - Alcatraz Island

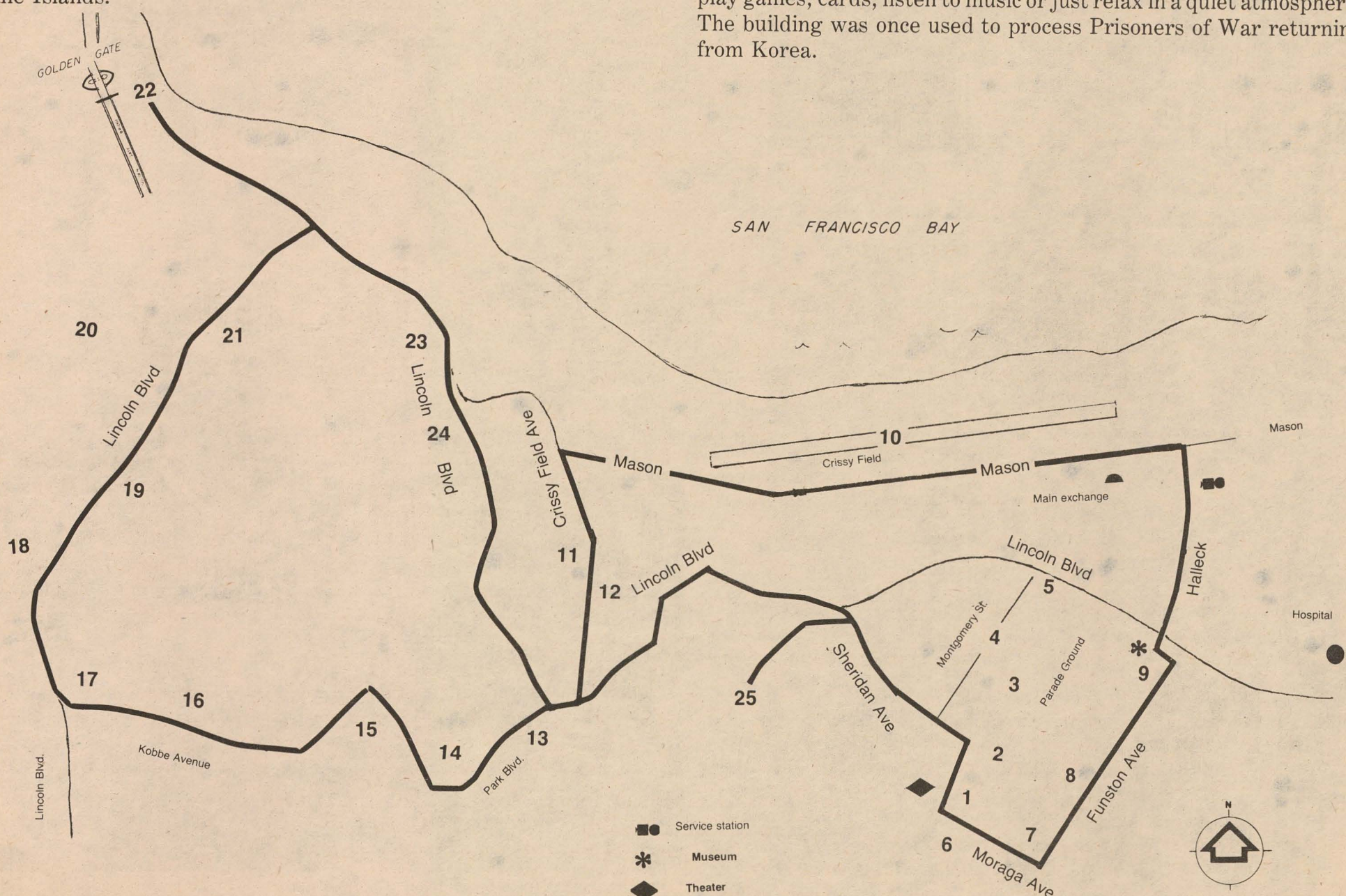
"Isla de los Alcatrazes" or "Island of the Pelicans" was named by the Spanish explorer Juan Manuel de Ayala in 1775. The United States Army began fortification of the island in March 1854. Work was completed in 1859 and Fort Alcatraz became the first U.S. fortification on the west coast.

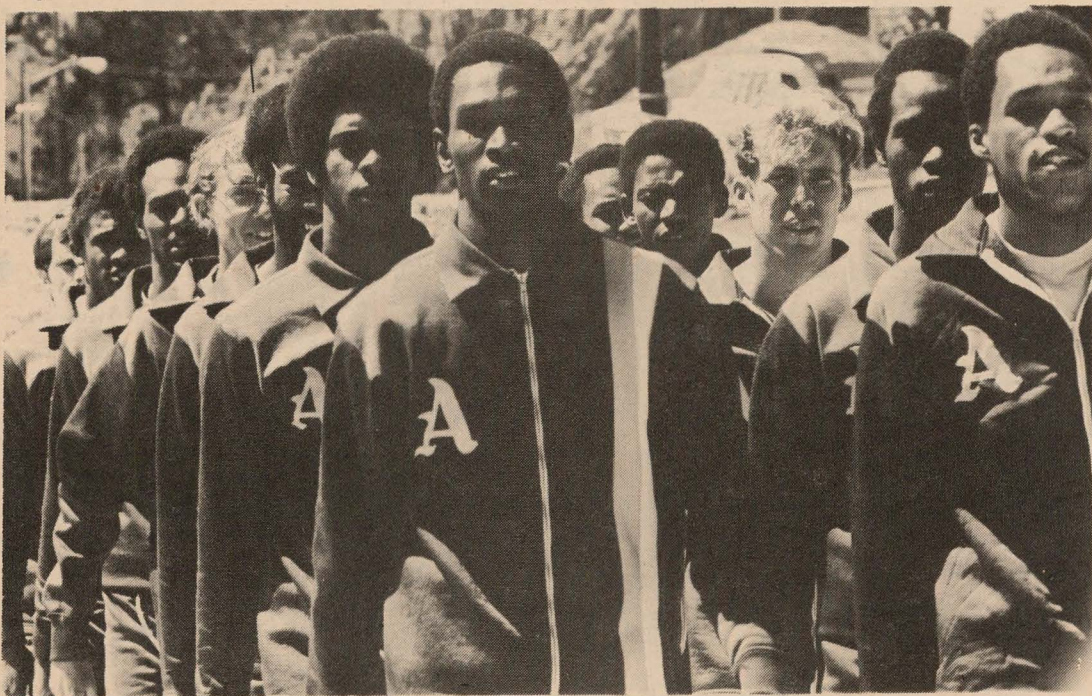
Station #25 - San Francisco National Cemetery

On July 23, 1852, Private John Brown, Company H, 2nd Infantry, Fort Yuma, California, was the first person to be buried in the Presidio Cemetery. By 1884, the site was designated as a burial ground by an order signed by Lieutenant General William Tecumseh Sherman. Today, there are more than 24,000 graves in the cemetery.

Station #26 - Service Club

The Service Club was built in 1949. It is used mainly by the enlisted soldiers on post. Presidio men and women can come here to play games, cards, listen to music or just relax in a quiet atmosphere. The building was once used to process Prisoners of War returning from Korea.





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It was supposed to be one of the closest interservice track and field contests ever. It wasn't.

Army, boosted by a group of world-class and fired-up athletes, easily defeated the upstart Marine Corps who had come within three points of upsetting them only a year before.

There was plenty of glory for everyone. Wilbert Haney ran double victories in the 400 meter dash and intermediate hurdles. Louis Wilson, Rayfield Dupree and Jerry Garcia set interservice records.

Beforehand, some of the Army athletes claimed it was just another meet. But on the final day, a bucket of champagne appeared and there were plenty of smiling faces in Army track uniforms.

Photos—1. Clad in green and gold warmup suits, Army team members march onto the field during opening ceremonies. 2. Louis Wilson stretches for the tape after anchoring an Army win in the mile relay. 3. An upset in the making as third-ranked Charlie Brown of Letterman Hospital goes over the bar at 15'9" to steal the pole vault title. 4. Presidio's Mike Louisiana, who won the discus competition the day before, douses Brown with victory champagne.

(Story on page 7)

Two great days for the Army

Photos by Jim Stuhler



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Army wins again, and again . . .

By John Chambers

OAKLAND, Calif.—Sweeping every field event but one, and half the track competitions, Army romped the Air Force, Navy and Marines here in winning its ninth straight Interservice Track and Field Championship June 6 and 7.

After building an 18 point first-day lead, Army won eight of the second day's ten events to defeat their closest competitors, the Marines, 107-54. Air Force and Navy, entering only a handful of athletes, scored 17 and 11 points, respectively.

Six interservice records fell during the weekend competition at Laney Junior College in downtown Oakland.

Javelin thrower Bob Wallis started the Army victory string with a 251'3" throw while competing with a broken rib. It was the West Point grad's second interservice title as he easily outdistanced defending champ Dick Legas of the Air Force.

Wallis, a captain at Ft. Lewis, Wash., cracked the rib eight days earlier during a twilight meet at Eugene, Ore. where he managed a 263'7" effort.

"It didn't really start bothering me until the doctor told me what it was," said Wallis. "I've taken a lot of kidding from the guys on the team."

Wallis passed on his last throw while leading Legas by some 50 feet. "I didn't see any sense of continuing with the injury. I've already met the Olympic and AAU qualifying standards," Wallis said afterwards. "But I felt I could have competed against anyone today if I had to."

Rayfield Dupree of Ft. Ord, Calif. won the much publicized triple jump event against the strongest interservice triple-jump field ever. Dupree edged out teammate Tommy Haynes, the 1974 NCAA indoor champ, for the title with a new meet record of 52'8½".

The 1974 all-American's strides carried him to the edge of the sand pit on every jump, forcing him to alter his approach. "I usually go 38 or 39 (feet) from the board, but this runway is only 36 feet from the board to the pit," said Dupree.

Doctors will place the Dupree's left knee in a cast when he returns from the National AAU meet at the end of June in an effort to cure a bursitis condition.

"I hurt it while long-jumping about two years ago and reinjured it in basic training. It was really killing me today," Dupree said before going to the victory stand for his medal. "I'm just getting by on my speed and natural ability."

Louis Wilson, the hero of last year's interservice meet, lost the 100 meter dash to Marine Dick Garrett, but came back the following day to set a meet record of 20.7 in the 200 meter dash. A sergeant with the 25th AG Company in Hawaii, Wilson also anchored Army wins in the 400 meter and one mile relays.

The commanding Army victory ebbed Marine Corps hopes of halting Army's dominance of the interservice title. A narrow three-point loss in last year's meet and the addition of several world-class athletes gave the Marines hope of becoming the first team to beat Army since 1966.

Three meet records — the high jump, and the 1,500 and 5,000 meter runs — fell to Leatherneck athletes.

Army's Jerry Garcia shattered the old interservice record for the 10,000 meter run by more than 40 seconds as he strided to an easy 29.05.8 win. His nearest competitor, Marine Frank Ybarbe, was more than a half-lap behind at 29:46.8. It was the second record in a row for the Ft. Ord PFC who a week earlier broke the Pacific AAU mark for the six mile.

Army's Wilbert Haney was the only meet's double winner with victories in the 400 meter dash and intermediate hurdles. He also ran on the winning 400 meter and mile relay teams.

INTERSERVICE TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 6-7, Laney Junior College, Oakland, Calif.

First Day—Javelin: 1. Wallis (Army) 251'3"; 2. Legas (Air Force) 195'0"; 3. Cady (Marines) 185'6"; 4. Jackson (Navy) 158'7". **Long Jump**: 1. Haynes (Army) 26'6½" w; 2. Lanier (Army) 26'6" w; 3. Cady (Marines) 23'10½" w; 4. Dupree (Army) 23'6½" w. **110 Meter HH**: 1. Hill (Army) 13.6; 2. Lanier (Army) 14.3; 3. Meriwether (Army)

14.5; 4. Noel (Marines) 15.1. **400 Meter**: 1. Haney (Army) 47.2; 2. Redmon (Army) 48.7; 3. Faison (Marines) 48.7; 4. Harvey (Air Force) 48.9. **800 Meter**: 1. Kent (Marines) 1:51.6; 2. Mason (Marines) 1:51.6; 3. Camp (Army) 1:51.9; 4. McCafferty (Army) 1:52.8. **High Jump**: 1. Turner (Marines) 7'0" (New meet record. Old record, 6'11", held by Gilder, Army, and Crawford, Air Force); 2. Washington (Air Force) 6'10"; 3. Johnson (Marines) 6'8"; 4. Harkins (Navy) 6'8". **5,000 Meter**: 1. Meyer (Marines) 14:08.0 (New meet record. Old record, 14:14.8, held by Messenger, Air Force); 2. Jones (Air Force) 14:11.6; 3. Stewart (Army) 14:15.6; 4. Ybarbo (Marines) 14:20.3. **Hammer**: 1. Diehl (Army) 216'1"; 2. Bregar (Navy) 209'6"; 3. Shuff (Army) 206'11"; 4. Galle (Air Force) 199'3". **Discus**: 1. Louisiana (Army) 189'5"; 2. Lott (Marines) 169'3"; 3. Ostrand (Army) 147'10". **100 Meter**: 1. Garrett (Marines) 10.2w; 2. Turner (Army) 10.3; 3. Wilson (Army) 10.3; 4. Williams (Marines) 10.4.

Second Day — Shot Put: 1. Roehr (Army) 51'9¾"; 2. Ostrand (Army) 47'0"; 3. Galle (Air Force) 46'3½"; 4. Lott (Marines) 40'½". **400 Meter Relay**: 1. Army (Haney, Hill, Turner, Wilson) 40.6; 2. Navy 43.1; 3. Air Force 43.3 (Marines disqualified for passing out of zone)

3,000 Meter Steeplechase: 1. Dare (Navy) 8:50.4; 2. Kelly (Marines) 9:21.0; 3. Birnbaum (Air Force) 9:25.2; 4. Meyer (Marines) 9:37.8. **200 Meters**: 1. Wilson (Army) 20.7 (New meet record. Old record, 21.0, held by Frey, Army); 2. Garrett (Marines) 21.0; 3. Turner (Army) 21.2; 4. Walker (Air Force) 21.6. **1,500 Meters**: 1. Kramer (Marines) 3:42.4 (New meet record. Old record, 3:43.2, held by Crawford, (Army)); 2. Fikes (Marines) 3:42.6; 3. McCafferty (Army) 3:47.6; 4. Camp (Army) 3:50.7. **400 Meter IH**: 1. Haney (Army) 52.8; 2. Shomski (Army) 53.2; 3. Faison (Marines) 53.2; 4. Stephan (Marines) 53.3. **Pole Vault**: 1. Brown (Army) 15'9"; 2. Harvey (Air Force) 15'6"; 3. Hicks (Army) 15'0"; 4. Martin (Marines) 14'6". **Triple Jump**: 1. Dupree (Army) 52'8½" (New meet record. Old record, 52'7¾", held by Jackson, Army); 2. Haynes (Army) 52'7½"; 3. McClure (Army) 51'11". **10,000 Meter**: 1. Garcia (Army) 29:05.8 (New meet record. Old record, 29:49.2 held by Middlestadt (Marines)); 2. Ybarbo (Marines) 29:46.8. **3. Stewart (Army) 30:58.0; 4. Haller (Navy) 32:44.6. Mile Relay**: 1. Army (Lanier, Anderson, Haney, Wilson) 3:13.0; 2. Marines 3:13.8; 3. Air Force 3:24.2. **Team Scores**: 1. Army 107; 2. Marines 54; 3. Air Force 17; 4. Navy 11.

Post athletes boost Army victory

Presidio athletes added 13 points to Army's interservice track and field championship last weekend.

First place gold went to Mike Louisiana of the 504th MP Battalion in the discus and to Letterman Hospital's Charlie Brown in the pole vault.

Two other men stationed here, George Stewart and Barry McClure, added third place points in the distance races and the triple jump.

Stewart finished third in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter races while McClure copped the bronze in the triple jump. Stewart is with the 504th MP Battalion. McClure is assigned to the 16th Base Post Office.

Louisiana faced four-time interservice champion Claude Lott at U.C. Berkeley's Edward's Stadium and easily bested the Marine major 189'5" to 169'3". Louisiana lost to Lott at last year's interservice meet, but has bested him in four out of five meetings.

Asked a week earlier what he would throw at the meet, the 1971 NCAA champ replied, "I'm not telling anyone. But I will tell you that I'm going to win

the interservice title."

Enjoying one of his better early seasons, the Brigham Young University graduate threw only two feet short of his personal best (197'5") at the San Jose Invitational meet in May. He has been throwing in the 180s since.

Brown's pole vault victory came over defending champion Rex Harvey of the Air Force and teammate Wayne Hicks. Brown added seven inches to his personal best mark with a 15'9" vault in his second attempt at that height.

"I figured to finish third behind Harvey and Wayne Hicks," said Brown later. "They're both better jumpers than I am."

Harvey went out of the competition at 15'6", the height with which he won last year's interservice competition. Hicks made it to 15'.

After winning, Brown made three attempts at breaking the interservice record of 16'1" and came close on two tries. "I made a lot of jumps at the lower heights. My legs were really tired on the last steps of my approach to 16 feet," said Brown.

SPORTS

Post Tennis Champs

Belated congratulations go to Mike Faer, Tom Egan and Colonel Robert V. Kane for winning their divisions in the post tennis tournament last month.

Faer won the open division May 31 with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Bob Molter of Sixth Army Support Element.

Egan, the defending FORSCOM singles champion, went undefeated in the double elimination tournament to take the 35 to 39 year-old junior vet title. Colonel Kane was the senior veteran winner.

A 50 player field turned out for this year's tournament. It began in April. Six of the finalists represented the Presidio this week in the FORSCOM-West tournament at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

On the Presidio team were the four to open division finishers, Faer, Molter, Jim Bova and Mike Olona, and the two top junior vets, Egan and Raymond Johnson. Egan and Johnson are the defending FORSCOM doubles champs.

FORSCOM-West Volleyball

Sixth Army Band's Pete Taoy was named to the tournament all star squad, but the Presidio finished sixth in the FORSCOM-West Volleyball Tournament at Ft. Carson, Colo. May 19-23.

Last year's Division B champions, Presidio was able to win only two games in the eight-team Ft. Carson playoff. There were no divisional groupings.

Hawaii won the tournament.

Youth Baseball: Presidio Tournament Hopes End

A six-run third inning lifted Holy Name to a 9-1 victory over the Presidio CYO 4th graders, ending the post's last hope of winning a CYO or Cal-Pal city title.

Trailing 1-0, Holy Name went through three Presidio pitchers in the sixth for their first win in three games against the undefeated Presidio squad. They will play tomorrow for the city title.

The 4th graders were the last of six Presidio CYO and Cal-Pal teams in contention for a city title. They finished the season with a 8-1 record, the best of any fourth grade team in the city.

A roster violation cost Presidio two points in the final standings and the division championship. CYO officials gave Holy Name the title with their 7-2 record because the Presidio had turned in its player list three days late.

Presidio defeated Holy Name last week 4-1 and the week before 10-3.

Cal-Pal Post Season Opens

The Post Cal-Pal season starts tonight (June 13).

Youth Tennis Time Schedules

All parents who have registered their children in the youth tennis program are encouraged to pick up the time schedule for classes. Pick up can be made at the Post Gym (Bldg. 63) during duty hours. Classes will get underway June 16 at the Infantry Terrace tennis courts.

Summer Youth Swimming Program

Registration for the youth activities and American Red Cross summer youth swimming program will take place at the American Red Cross Building from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 23-27. Classes will begin July 14 and end Aug. 22.

INTRAMURAL BOWLING (June 10)

Ft. Scott League	WonLost
Letterman	7 1
HHD 504th MP Batt.	6 2
LAIR	5 3
864th Engineers	5 3
Med Lab	4 4
402nd MP Company	4 4
16th Base Post Office	4 4
Support Element	3 5
USASA	1 7
Garrison No. 2	1 7

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL (June 10)

Presidio League	WonLost
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Letterman	4 0
170th MP Company	4 0
Western Recruiting	3 1
402nd MP Company	2 1
Garrison	2 2
Support Element	0 3
Corps of Engineers	0 4
LAIR	0 4
Ft. Scott League	WonLost
HHD 504th MP Batt.	4 0
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Col. Kane to retire June 30

Presidio Post Commander Colonel Robert V. Kane announced his retirement this week and will officially end his two-year command June 30.

He will be succeeded on July 25 by Colonel Warren Lodge who is now with the Seventh Army in Germany.

Colonel Kane became commanding officer of the Presidio Sept. 1, 1973. He is a 1946 graduate of West Point and earned a diploma from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in 1959.

Colonel Kane's basic branch is Air Defense Artillery. He has served in a

number of air defense, guided missile and artillery assignments, including command of a Field Artillery battalion in Korea from 1966-1967. The Colonel served two years in Vietnam, 1959 to 1961, as advisor to the Army of Vietnam, Vietnamese Artillery School and the Army Field Command.

Returning from Vietnam, Colonel Kane attended the University of Alabama graduate school where he earned a Master of Science degree in Commerce. He has since served in a number of comptroller assignments involving budget programs and analysis,

management engineering and financial services.

From 1967 to 1969 Colonel Kane was Army Liaison Officer to the Appropriations Committees of the United States Senate and U.S. House of Representatives and Deputy Chief, Budget Formulation Office, Department of Army.

Prior to becoming Presidio post commander, he was Sixth U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff, Comptroller. As Sixth Army Comptroller, he had budgetary and financial management responsibilities involving funds in ex-

cess of one half billion dollars annually.

In his off-duty activities, Colonel Kane has been an instructor in management courses at George Washington University and the University of Maryland.

Colonel Kane was born in Danbury, Conn. Nov. 24, 1925. He lives with his wife Edith and family in Tiburon where they actively pursue interests in tennis, bridge, arboriculture, opera, symphony, theater, and St. Stephens Episcopal Church. He will remain in the Bay Area after retiring.

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Post celebrates Army's 200th year

By John Chambers

Two centuries of U.S. history went on display here Saturday as the Presidio celebrated the 200th anniversary of the United States Army.

Hundreds of visitors swarmed over displays, tours and shows set up in the vicinity of the parade grounds and the post museum.

Nearly every Presidio unit took part in the festivities with some displays coming from as far away as Ft. Ord and Ft. Lewis, Wash.

It also marked the first appearance of the Presidio Bicentennial Ceremonial Unit which will appear throughout the Western United States in U.S. Bicentennial functions.

A 3.5 mile relay-run, reenacting a messenger's journey at the outbreak of the Spanish American War, officially began the post Bicentennial celebration Friday. Two members of the Army track team, Jerry Garcia and Presidio's George Stewart, made the run, known as "The Message to Garcia," down Lombard Street and Van Ness Avenue from the Presidio to City Hall.

Colonel Robert V. Kane, Presidio post commander, opened Saturday's ceremonies at 10 a.m. with a short speech outlining the history of the Presidio and welcoming the few hundred people gathered on the Parade Ground bleachers.

A display of helicopters, construction equipment and military police vehicles were parked on the parade grounds for the occasion. Visitors of all ages inspected the exhibits throughout the day, asking questions and taking turns

at the controls of helicopters bulldozers, jeeps and an MP sedan.

Four helicopters flown in Friday were in the aircraft exhibit: a CH-47 "Chinook," a HU-1H "Huey," an observation craft and a "Corba." Sixth Army Flight Detachment brought the observation copter and the Huey from Hamilton Air Force Base, while the Cobra came from Ft. Ord and the Chinook from Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Flight crews allowed children to sit at the Huey controls and treated them to a walk-through tour of the Chinook, a large troop and cargo transport.

Nearly 2,000 people visited the Presidio Museum which had opened its new second-floor facilities only a week before. Over 70 per cent of the exhibits were displayed for the first time as some 1,400 people poured through the museum doors in the first three hours after it opened.

On display were old uniforms, 80-year-old medical equipment, photographs of the Presidio dating back to the 1800s, sabers, cannon and rifles.

Next door to the museum, Presidio race relations held a photographic display of the roles various minority groups have played in the nation's military history.

Other Bicentennial attractions included an open house at the Presidio Fire Department, a historical display at the post chapel and films in the Post Theater.

Two shuttle buses ferried some 400 people on tours around the Presidio

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SP4 Cindy Evans and Major Larry Richardson of the Western Recruiting Command show off their mid-1870 costumes during the Bicentennial fashion show.

Demolition for WAC billets nears end

Phase one of a \$2.5 million construction project for new WAC barracks and hospital administration space is nearing completion off Lincoln Boulevard.

Civilian contractors are one month away from leveling a 27-building area that once housed Letterman Hospital between Halleck Street and General Kennedy Avenue.

A three-story concrete barracks, capable of housing 160 women, and a

single story medical administration building will be erected in the two-block area. Construction is expected to begin in mid-July and continue through August 1976.

The two buildings are part of an area master plan that includes a parking lot and another barracks.

The project's demolition phase began in January with 14 buildings coming down over a two and a half month period. Workmen equipped with cranes and bulldozers destroyed nine of the remaining 13 wood and cement structures in April and May with work scheduled to begin this week on the last four.

The demolished buildings, some of them dating back to 1903, housed Letterman Hospital before it moved to its present location in 1969. Since then, the structures have alternately served as clinics, barracks, wards and an auditorium during Operation Homecoming.

A few were occupied until shortly before demolition began. A spokesman for the Corps of Engineers said they were structurally sound but had poor

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Photo Courtesy Corps of Engineers



A bulldozer removes debris from an old Letterman Hospital corridor during the May demolition.



Ramblin' Sam

How did you spend the day on the Army's 200th birthday?

Sp5 George Moore III, Hqs Company Garrison mail clerk:

"I marched in the parade, dressed in an 1875 Army uniform. Though I don't ordinarily enjoy marching, I did in this case. Afterwards, my wife, some friends and I, did some celebrating on our own at a fancy restaurant."



SSG Jim Rogers, departing editor of Star Presidian:

"Though I was busy most of the day packing for my assignment to Korea, my family and I scheduled time to watch the celebration and activities at the Presidio which we whole-heartedly enjoyed."

Sp5 Richard Zapata, recreations services specialist:

"As luck would have it, I pulled CQ that day, and the only views of the Presidio celebrations that I saw were what the local media covered for their stations on television."



PFC Mary Hamrich, 402nd MP Company:

"Working! I pulled traffic control near the parade grounds, but from where I was, I got a good view of the activities. I especially enjoyed the bagpipers and Army displays."

PVT Pat Brown, 170th MP Company:

"I was the 'unofficial photographer' for all my friends who were actively involved in the Presidio celebrations. Otherwise, I enjoyed the spectacle just for myself."



Presidio News Notes

ROTC Scholarships Await Applicants

Up to 300 Army ROTC four-year scholarships will be awarded this year during an early selection cycle.

The application period for this early cycle began April 1 and will remain open until August 31. Winners will be announced October 15, giving recipients of the award an opportunity to complete their college plans shortly after beginning their senior year of high school.

Applicants not selected in the early cycle will have a second chance. Their applications will be reconsidered during the regular selection cycle which closes December 1. Announcement of these winners will be made in April 1976.

Army four-year scholarships may be used at any of the 287 colleges and universities which will host the Army ROTC program in school year 1975-76. School admission requirements are the responsibility of individuals selected.

Applications may be obtained by writing to: Army ROTC, P. O. Box 12703, Philadelphia, PA 19134.

NCOA Meeting

A Non-commissioned Officers Association meeting will be held Monday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Presidio Service Club. Delbert H. Bartee, the Association's international treasurer, will attend the meeting to talk with members.

SUMMER ACADEMIC COURSE SCHEDULE

The summer solstice is upon us, and to celebrate the occasion new evening classes have been added to the curriculum at the Fort Scott Education Center.

Beginning the week of June 23 a citizenship class,

a review math class and a reading specialty class will start.

The Citizenship class will start June 23 and end August 27. This class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The course will include work on the U.S. government and Constitution. English vocabulary and usage will be emphasized.

The Reading class will start June 23 and end August 27. This class will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7 p.m. This course will offer assistance in two areas of reading skills: comprehension and speed.

The Review Math class begins June 24 and ends August 28. It will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The levels of math that can be learned or reviewed are basic math, algebra, geometry and trigonometry.

Military Correspondence class will start with a new schedule for the summer commencing June 30. This class will meet 5 days-a-week from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. through August 29. Also on June 30, the summer shorthand classes will begin. Advanced Shorthand will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and the Beginner's Shorthand, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

To enroll in any of these classes, call the Ed Center, High School Department, Exts. 2974, 4419 and 4445, or visit the Center (Bldg. 1216) at Ft. Scott.

Outside Worship Center

Presidio Post Commander Colonel Robert V. Kane and Post Chaplain C. Mitchell Johnson will dedicate an outside worship center after the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass June 22.

LTC Lenschau. Between Mt. Marin (Marinwood-Lucas Valley Area) to Presidio Bldg. 38. Wishes to join or form car pool. Telephone: 3892 (office) or 479-0409 (home).

Jo Reed. Needs ride between Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in the Kentfield area and Sixth Army Headquarters building. Will share expenses. Telephone number: (home) 457-3095, (work) 47003063.

Pat Puckett, Waterville and Silver Avenue, San Francisco to Presidio (Bldg. 87). Need a ride. Telephone: 3988 or 2826.

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd., Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518, (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg. 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing carpool.

SP5 Eugenia Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland, telephone: 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

LETTERS

Dear Sir:

My name is Louise Yalosi and I am writing to you to ask if it is possible I could start corresponding with a California "G.I." I will be 18 on September 6th and I still continue school. If you would ask any guy who would love to write to an Australian girl at the age of 17 going on 18, he may write to me at this address:

6 Bernard Street
North Balwyn 3104
Melbourne Victoria
Australia

I would send a photo later on. I would like a guy at the age of 19 - 23½ (the oldest). If you would do me this great favor, you would really please me so.

Louise Yalosi

New Regs

Promotions (AR 600-200)—Effective July 1, Commanders may remove soldiers from local promotion lists if the soldier through his or her fault fails to take a regular MOS test. Commanders may also remove from local promotion lists soldiers who fail to qualify for a security clearance for an adverse reason. Unit promotion boards must tell a soldier why he or she was not selected for promotion and what they must do to get promoted.

Passes (AR 630-5) — Four-day passes have been added to the Army's list of passes and leaves. As with the three-day pass, the 96-hour pass may be issued as recognition for exceptional duty performance, to attend religious retreats or events consistent with military requirements, to meet problems connected with the military service, to allow a soldier to vote or as compensatory time off for long or hard duty. A three-day pass must include at least one duty day while a four-day pass must include at least two.

To Your Door

The Star Presidian, and Presidio Army Community Service (ACS) would like to give a well deserved thanks to those 31 neighborhood council representatives who deliver the paper to post housing areas each Friday along with the weekly bulletin and other informative material.

They are: MSG Sanch Manzano (MacArthur housing area), SFC Ray Murphy (Ruckman), Cpt John Mumma (Rob Hill), SFC Shepard (Riley), Maj Chuck Rovinski (Liggett-Sanches), SFC Lawrence Ikari (Lobos), Spec. William Macrides (Ft. Baker), Mrs. Helen Johnson (Arguello-Infantry), Mrs. Ruth Larcomb (Presidio Hill), Cpt Marc Benezra (Ft. Mason) and Sgt. Robert Rivera (Ft. Barry).

Also, Mrs. Olson (Lincoln), Mrs. Barbara Gomez (Kobbe), Mrs. Molene Greenwood (Stillwell), Mrs. Pat Smith (Pershing), Mrs. Judy Avron (Quarry), Mrs. Sharon Hannan (Stillwell), Mrs. Paul Unruh (Pershing), MSG Frank Castro (Pershing), Mrs. Alicia Powell (Simonds Loop), Cpt Larry Andrus (Funston), Mrs. George (O'Reilly), Mrs. Ruth Lanier (Simonds Loop), Mrs. Linda O'Brien (Lendrum), Mrs. Jean Giese (Presidio), Mrs. Doris Dixon (Armistead), Mrs. Uta Egan (Ramsel Ct), Mrs. Dorothy Labermyer (Pershing), and Mrs. Gloria Morgan (Pershing).

And, a special thanks to Spec. Gary Savell, Cpt Belanger and Claire Manhart who prepare the materials for distribution.

ACTION LINE

The Commander's Action Line is available to help with problems or answer questions. Anyone (troops, families, civilian employees) with a Presidio-related problem that cannot be solved through the chain of command can telephone or write and get action.

Dial the 24-hour phone service: L-I-N-E, or send your questions to:

**Action Line
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Presidio of San Francisco, Calif. 94129**

CAR POOL

Driver wanted for established car pool to and from Presidio. Petaluma or Santa Rosa area. Call C. Spencer Johnson at 2336 or 2405.

Register your vehicle

Presidio Military Police are now citing vehicles which have no post registration or which have expired post registration. Black decals are valid until the month indicated in 1975. Green decals are valid until the month indicated in 1976. Vehicles may be registered at Vehicle Registration Section, Bldg. 204, 7:30 - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Post nursery gives a break to both kids and parents

By C. D. Steen

What's that you say, Mother? You're late for your bowling match with the girls and still haven't found a suitable baby sitter for your three-year-old?

Don't despair — The Presidio Nursery is near!

Located in Bldg. 569 on Ruger Street, the nursery has rooms chock full of play equipment, toys, games, sleeping areas, a fully equipped kitchen, an outside playground with matching equipment, and seven qualified nursery attendants to supervise.

The Presidio Nursery is perhaps the best baby sitting service in San Francisco, and you can't beat the rates — only 65¢ an hour for one child and only 25¢ for each additional child!

"This nursery has been commented on as one of the best parents have seen," said manager Mrs. Elfrieda Robertson, who has been working there for 24 years.

"We keep the play and sleeping rooms decorated with child-appealing

artwork, such as Disney characters, animal pictures and cartoons, and big as life animal cutouts. All rooms are carpeted wall-to-wall for comfort, and playrooms have as many games, toys, and indoor rides, such as rocking horses, slides, and fun furniture, as any child could want," added Mrs. Robertson.

The manager stated that the nursery is primarily used by parents "just to get away from the kids for awhile," and not as a full time day care center, since parents are limited to 20 hours a week, not counting Saturdays. She said it's an excellent place to bring youngsters to get them acquainted with other children.

The nursery is divided in age groups, with a minimum allowed age of six months to a maximum age of eight years. Toddler-age children, six months to 2½, are kept in toddler rooms, and older children, over 2½ to age eight, have their own room. This is

done for safety, since older children tend to play rougher, and also the children relate better to their own age group.

There are beds and cribs available for all children, should they desire naps.

Kitchen facilities serve well-balanced meals for lunch at an additional 55¢. Parents must notify the nursery by 10:30 a.m. if the child is to be fed so attendants can plan meals accordingly. Sack lunches may be brought in lieu of having meals prepared, but may not be brought after 11 a.m.

When weather permits children are taken outside as much as possible. Recreations available on playgrounds are swings, slides, monkeybars, and there are marked areas for different games.

Inside activities for the older children include simple art activities, games, playing with puzzles, clay molding and coloring. Nursery attendants help children create many interesting things which help spark their desires to learn.

The children call the attendants "teacher," but the group activities are not taught as if the children were in a classroom. This allows children to do what they wish as long as they behave constructively.

There is also a television for their enjoyment.

Babies and toddlers have an assortment of toys and equipment for their development.

An example of one child's view of the Presidio Nursery is six-year-old Maria Wike, who has been going there off and on since she was 2½.

"I really like the outside playground where I can play on the slides and swings," said the pig-tailed little girl with a big smile.

"Inside I like to color and draw, and watch Sesame Street on TV. I've made a lot of friends since I've gone there."

Her mother, Mrs. Adlay Wike, shares her daughter's enthusiasm.

"I think it's the best nursery I've seen. The attendants are excellent with children and handle them as if they were all their own," said Mrs. Wike.



Three-year-old Debbie Hoppe on her way to the Nursery playroom.



Mrs. Elfrieda Robertson, Presidio Nursery manager, helps little girl on one of the Nursery's several riding toys.

Driving tester graduates here

Testing a tester was the recent job of the Presidio Motor Pool's military licensing section.

Master Sergeant Joseph J-P Grenier became the first person in 1975 to complete the transportation division's

Demolition

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wiring, plumbing and heating.

Fourteen of the old hospital buildings will be left standing along Lincoln Boulevard and Kennedy Drive.

Letterman enlisted women will occupy the new barracks. Plans show a suite configuration for each unit with a central living room and four adjacent bedrooms.

Cost of the entire project has been set at over two million dollars with the demolition costing \$150,000 of the total.

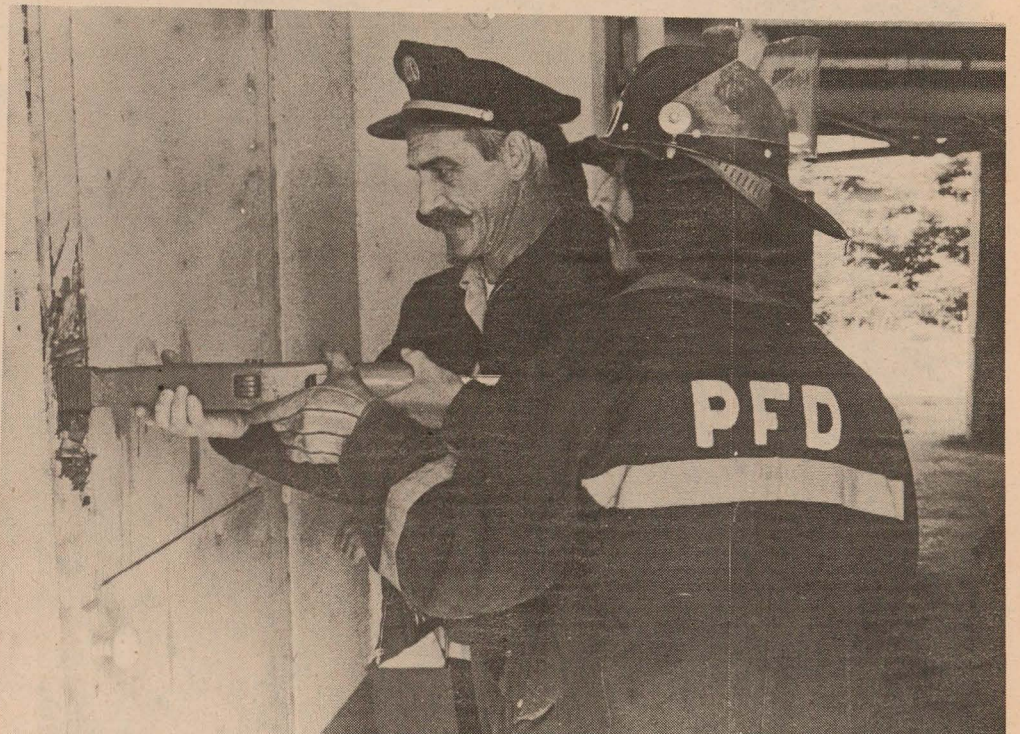
training course for prospective driving testers.

Under the tutelage of Staff Sergeant Henry J. Mudge and Mr. Augustine Ayala, Grenier completed the one-week course June 10. He will return to his unit, the 483rd Transportation Battalion at Oakland Army Base and set up a testing of his own.

During the 40-hours of instruction, Grenier observed the manner in which his instructors ran their driver testing program. He was then expected to run the program on his own, administering the four written exams and the eye, reflex, and the road tests necessary to issue a military license.

Grenier is the first person to complete the course since December 1974. Four people took the instruction last year.

Presidio is the only post on the West Coast training military driving testers.



New Door Opener

PORTA-POWER—Two Presidio firemen, Captain Bob Lord (left) and Fire Fighter Russ Ferrell, demonstrate a forcible entry tool recently acquired by the post fire department. Called the Porta-Power Expander, the hand pumped, hydraulically operated tool can exert 8,650 pounds of pressure to make openings in accident damaged vehicles or burning buildings.



The Presidio Bicentennial Ceremonial Unit passes in review



A member of the Caribbean Review performs an African dance

Hundreds attend birthday festivities

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taking in the Officers' Club and some of the abandoned Golden Gate coastal defenses.

One of the bus riders, three-and-a-half year old Laurel Alden, became the 200,000th person to take a Presidio tour since they began in 1965. Applause from a small crowd woke the sleeping Laurel as her father carried her from the bus. Colonel Kane afterwards presented the San Francisco native with a key to the Presidio.

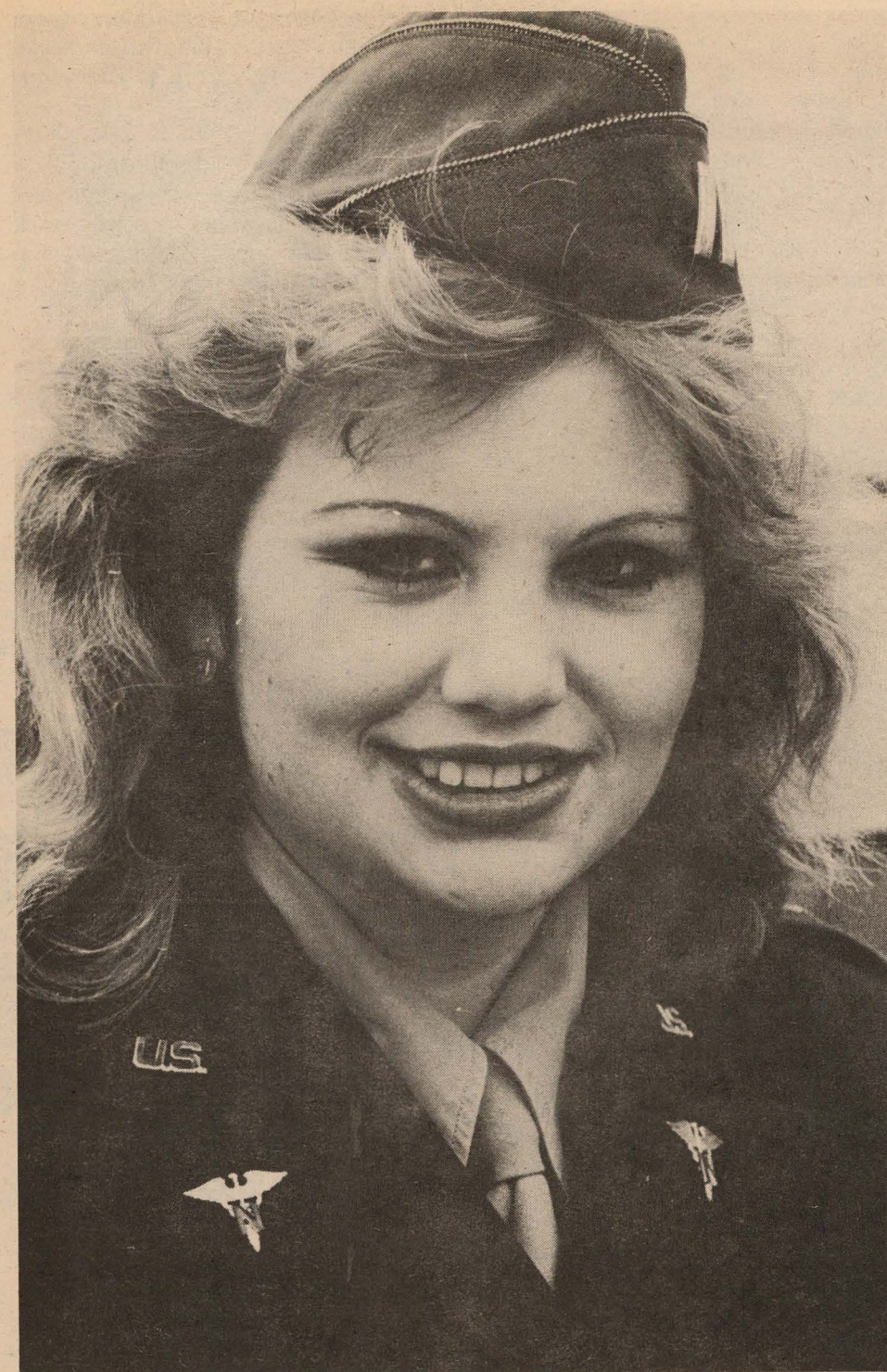
Entertainment continued throughout the day in front of the Parade Ground bleachers. Square dancers, Caribbean dancers, pipers and the 91st Division Band alternated to provide nearly four straight hours of music.

An historical flag pageant and a fashion show were among the day's first activities. The flag presentation traced the development of the Stars and Stripes from revolution to present. Participants dressed in costumes depicting notable dates in U.S. history marched colors in front of the reviewing stand where each flag was briefly explained by the narrator.

Twenty-seven people in historical costumes participated in the fashion show which also followed the movement of U.S. history from Revolutionary War days to the present. Terry Lowry, weather girl on San Francisco television station KRON, narrated the pageant.

Photos by James Stuhler

Two hundred years of history walk the Presidio



A fashion show model wears the uniform, hair style and makeup of a 1940 Army nurse



The Presidio Bicentennial Ceremonial Unit presents sabers during retreat ceremonies



A drummer of San Francisco's Prince Charles Junior Pipe Band



Watch Out!

Smoke billows from skidding tires as an ambulance driver slams on the brakes at 60 miles per hour. This stop was part of a week's training for 38 emergency vehicle drivers employed by the San Francisco Department of Public Health. The training took place June 16-24 on Presidio's Crissy Field and conditioned drivers to safely handle vehicles in high-speed situations. Some of the courses, instructed by Bruce Harmer of the Riverside Emergency Driver's School, Los Angeles County, included a slalom test, siren test over a broken course, and braking at high speeds.

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Recycling center helps environment

Before you throw all those beer and soft drink cans away from that last poker night with the guys, or from that big social get-together with the girls; before you add an extra burden to the trash collector with a half ton of old newspapers rescued from a closet, think ecology first.

The Presidio Recycling Center (Bldg. 204), between post headquarters and the main PX, wants all that debris for recycling purposes.

Two large containers, one for cans and one for newspapers, are located in front of the building and despositors can unload there anytime, day or night.

For those who live on the Presidio or on Forts Scott, Mason, Baker and Barry, and can't deliver your debris personally, local youth organizations (Boy Scouts, Young Life and Aquarius Swim Club) will be happy to pick it up for you at your quarters. Cans should be crushed flat and newspapers bundled and tied securely. Please — only pure aluminum cans, or other aluminum products, and only newspapers!

The quarters pickups are made on the first Saturday of each month.

The Presidio Recycling Center was created by Mrs. Carol Fink in the interest of ecology and to help youth groups make extra money for their organizations. Since starting the program in March 1974, and tabulating the weight of material collected through December, the recycling center delivered over five tons of aluminum cans to the Reynolds Aluminum Company; they

melt the cans into pure aluminum to make more cans and other useful products, and over 109,000 pounds of newspapers that the Westcoast Salvage Company has turned into other paper products.

Aluminum cans bring about 15¢ a pound and papers bring \$3 a ton. Averaged out, that brings around \$300 a month for the youth organizations to share.

The recycling center weighs and stores the cans and newspapers until enough is gathered, then the collecting agencies are notified for a pickup.

Mrs. Marge Eckhardt, one of the Presidio Recycling Center coordinators, said that even if no money was made through collections they would keep it up anyway for ecology reasons.

The center operates year round, on the first and third Saturday of each month between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Teenage volunteers are welcome at the center to help weigh and store the tons of cans and newspapers brought in. If you are a teenager, and new to the area, the center is a good place to meet new friends.

The volunteers have even come up with a motto: The youth solution to prevent pollution, and save a tree — recycle your newspapers, recycle your cans!

Any queries regarding this program may be referred to PRC coordinators Major Eckardt, SJA, at 5591/5592 or Mrs. Eckardt at 4538.

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Presidio fishing boat is no-more

By John Chambers

One of the Presidio sports program's most popular attractions, the fishing boat "Presidian," will soon be sailing into the sunset.

FORSCOM has directed the Presidio to turn in the 65-foot recreation craft for mothballing or disposal.

Post recreation officers say no replacement is in sight for the steel-hulled craft which was used by some 240 people a month for fishing trips outside the Golden Gate.

No reason was given for the order, however, all fishing expeditions were stopped June 2. Reservations for future trips are not being taken although the boat is still moored at its Ft. Baker dock.

Over 3,000 people used the "Presidian" during its two years of service as a recreation craft here. Fishing parties used the boat weekends and weekdays and paid a small amount to cover

the cost of fuel and tackle.

A San Diego shipyard built the "Presidian" in 1953 as an inter-island passenger and cargo transport for the Army. Designated T-449, it never saw service and sailed directly from San Diego to Rio Vista at the end of the Korean War where it lay in mothballs on the Sacramento River for the next 18 years.

In 1972, Presidio acquired the craft for use in contingency plans to evacuate commanders. Although still ready for its primary mission, Recreation Services adopted it along with another craft, the "Water Queen," for sport fishing. Presidio turned the "Water Queen" over for disposal in September 1974.

Post Transportation will send the "Presidian" to Sharpe Army Depot in Stockton, Calif. where it could be mothballed or auctioned off by property disposal.

Both appropriated and non-appropriated funds paid the boat's operation and maintenance bill which totaled about \$7,000 annually. An \$8.50 fee paid by each fisherman footed the fuel bill while approximately \$4,000 in appropriated funds went toward annual painting and repair.

The "Presidian" fishing trips were open to active duty and retired military people and their dependents. Sixteen people with tackle and bait could line the ship's sides, trolling for salmon or bottom fish.

Recreation Services said it does not have the money to purchase another boat which would be paid with non-appropriated funds. Alternatives such as subsidizing a commercial boat or renting another one are under consideration but according to Rec Services, are unlikely to be adopted due to the cost.



Presidio's recreation boat "Presidian" awaits its fate at Ft. Baker

SPORTS

Cal-Pal Season Opens

The Presidio Cal-Pal season opened Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14 with all eight teams seeing action.

In the opener, the Tigers mustered a solid defense to down the Pirates 7-5. On Saturday, the pitching and hitting of Kurt Harms led the Braves to a 6-1 win over the Astros.

The Dodgers had the biggest offensive output of the weekend in defeating the Treasure Island Red Sox 18-6. Mike Barton pitched a complete game and went 4 for 4 at the plate to lead the Presidians.

The Treasure Island Orioles closed out the weekend play with a 10-2 victory over the Treasure Island Phillies.

Free Sport Tickets

Tickets to sporting events are donated to the San Francisco USO by local businesses and individuals. To get the tickets, call the USO at 621-0630 and ask to be put on the baseball waiting list. Leave your name and telephone number.

If there is a special game you want to attend, call the USO and see if anything is available. Many of the box seat tickets are for day games Monday through Friday.

Also available are a limited amount of free and discount tickets to movies, plays, operas and musical events.

Intramural Golf Playoff

The four top finishers in the Presidio's two intramural golf divisions will play off Thursday, July 17 at 8 a.m. for the post title.

There are: Readiness Region IX, the 525th MI Group, Western Recruiting and HHD 504th MP Battalion. All four teams were winners and runners-up in the Presidio and Ft. Scott divisions.

Total playoff strokes, minus handicaps, will determine the winning team.

INTRAMURAL GOLF (Final)

Presidio League	Won	Lost	Tied
Readiness Region IX	7	0	0
525th MI Group	6	1	0
LAIR	5	2	0
Letterman #1	3	4	0
Support Element	2	5	0
Garrison	2	5	0
170th MP Company	2	5	0
402nd MP Company	1	6	0

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost	Tied
Western Recruiting	5	0	1
HHD 504th MP BN Bn.	5	1	0
Med Lab	4	2	0
Harbor Craft	3	3	0
Letterman #2	2	3	1
51st Engineers	1	5	0
864th Engineers	0	6	0

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL (June 16)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
170th MP Company	5	0
Letterman	4	1
Western Recruiting	3	2
Garrison	3	2
402nd MP Company	2	2
Corps of Engrs.	1	4
LAIR	1	4
Support Element	0	4

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
HHD 504th MP Bn	5	0
Armed Forces Police	4	1
864th Engineers	3	1
666th Radar	3	2
16th Base Post Office	2	3
Readiness Region IX	1	3
525th MI Group	1	4
Med Lab	0	5

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Berkeley House	Wharf	Marco Polo	Copper Wheel-Hayward	Dreyer's
Taverna Athena	Art's	Plaza D'Oro	Copper Wheel-Fremont	La Cueva
Tortilla Flats	Yangtze	Jan & Bob's	Bradford House-Neward	Pee Wee's
Vin et Frommage	Dick's	Parthenon	Bradford House-Antioch	China House
The Nookery	Baltic	Hacienda	Malta's Golden West	Acapulco
Villa Sorrento	Gaylon's	Bow & Bell	Confucius of Oakland	Louis' Place
Spaghetti Depot	El Charro	Don Pacquin's	Marina Sea Food Grotto	Union Station
Villa Valona	Kapox	Sea Witch	Diablo Motor Inn	Egg Shop
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Buy Cheese	London Fish & Chips	Mel's	Hong Kong	Trevino's	Papa Luigi's Spaghetti Den	Jerry's Burgers	Two Ball Inn	Spanish Pavilion	Donut Shack
Front Room	Four Corners Pizza	Nib's	Toby Jean's	Bettenway	Maxwell's Philippine Rest.	Royal Chef Cafe	Mexican Inn	Red's Pizza Pub	Jade Kitchen
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Stagecoach	The Pepper Tree	Primo's	Odish BBQ	Catania's	Joe Memoli's Italian Rest.	Ron's Steak House	Bayanihan	Twelfth House	Other Place
Pioneer Inn	Joe's of Pacifica	Fling's	El Rodeo	2-Taste-T	Harvey's Famous Foods	Rod's Hickory Pit	Pizza Haven	Leon's BBQ	Chris' Marina
Cornucopia	Capt. Dave's Eatery	Patane's	Pup Hut	El Tapatio	Violets Golden Pacific	Colonial Donuts	Twin Castle	Last Day Cafe	Trijuna Taco
La Osa Mayor	Chilling Experience	El Taco	Poor Richard's		Antojitos Mexicanas Tidbits	Swiss Pavilion	John Jawad's	El Amigo David	Pacific Coffee
McDuffs	Burlingame Dragon	Pisco's	Mr. Swiss	Raphael's	Fish & Chips Parlour	Chinese Lantern	Diamond Sutra	San Bruno Pizza	Land's End Pub

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Airport Parking	Commodore Hotel	Oak Port Golf
Baldutha	La Fonda Hotel	Alma Golf
Sport & Boat Show	Hillside Inn	Golden Tee Golf Course
San Mateo Co. Fair	Ramada Inn	Ice Arena (3)
Lafayette Concours	Holiday Hotel	Deep Sea Fishing
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	Company Theatre	York of Cannery Row, Monte
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Echo Summit	Improvements Inc.	Golden Dragon, Monterey
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	Little Theatre Concerts	
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Eleo Pomare Dance Co.	Concert Season	Purple Onion
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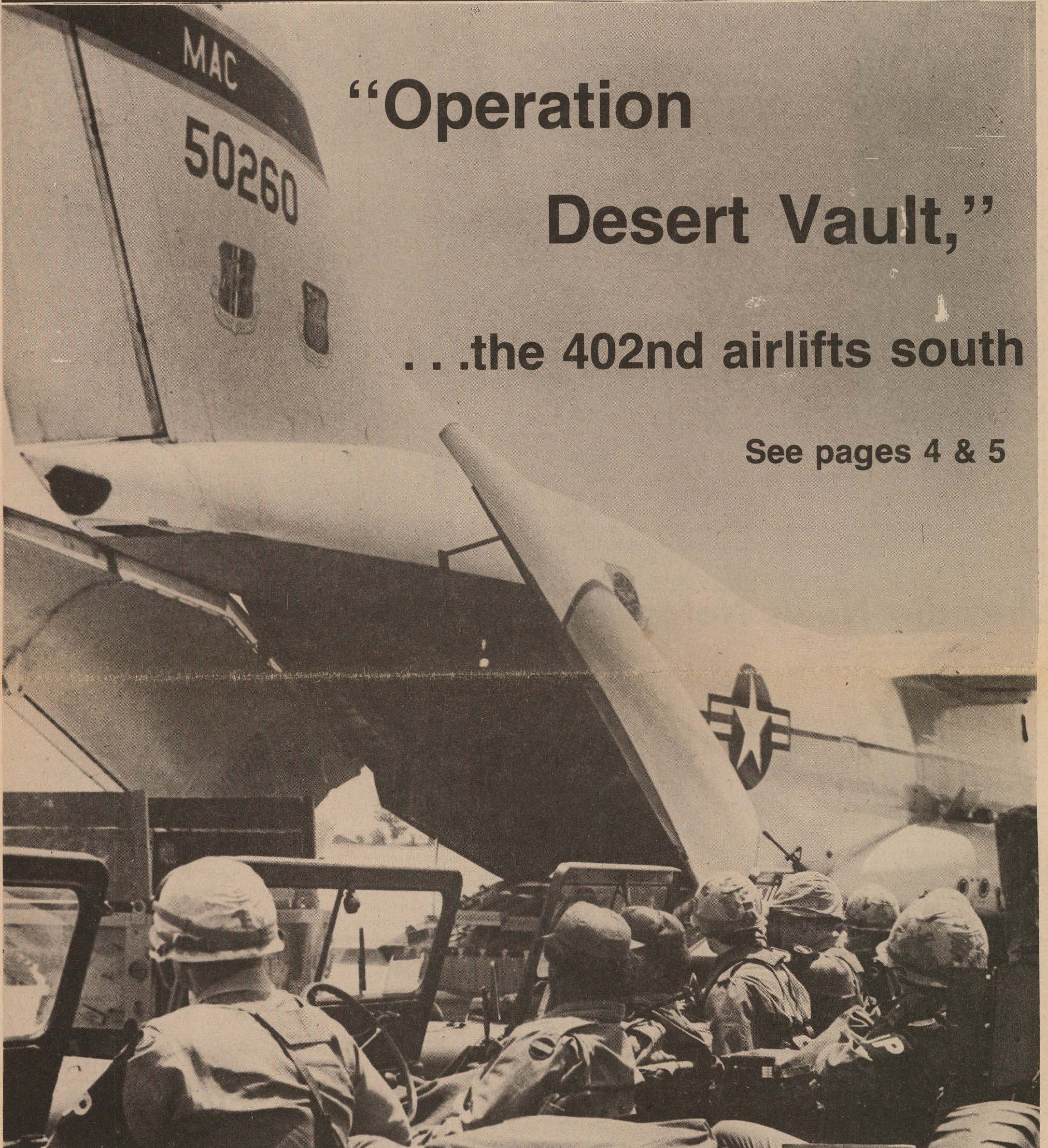
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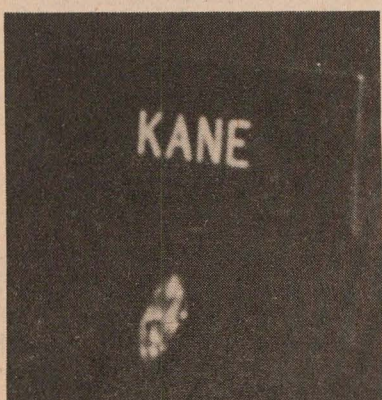
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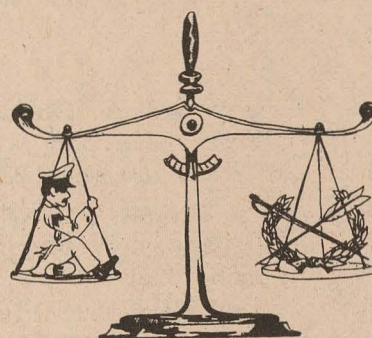
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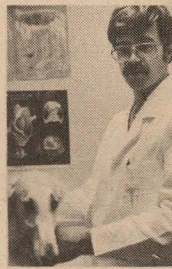


Ramblin' Sam

Do you think the Army is getting too soft?

Doctor (Cpt.) Ken Genova, DVM, Post animal clinic:

"I don't think the Army is getting soft, just more considerate toward the people in it. A soldier once got 'busted' just because a higher rank said he did something wrong, and that ended the matter. In today's Army, any person, any rank, has a chance to prove himself one way or the other and I believe that makes for a better service."



Command Sergeant Major Lorenzo C. Young, Jr., CSM 504th MP Bn:

"Physically, without doubt, the Army is stronger than it has ever been because of the stress put on physical fitness. Policies have changed for the better in accordance with the better trained and educated people in today's Army."

SFC Martin Orrukem, Training Aids Services, Photo Branch:

"Yes I do! Army leaders are not enforcing regulations and policies. It seems the Army wants to play politics to appease the gripes of the young soldier, no matter how trifle they are, just to keep him happy."

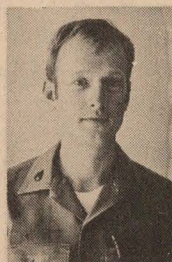


PFC Dave Jenkins, LAIR:

"I'm prior service, and compared to the way the Army was the first time I was in, I'd say it is easier now, but not 'soft.' The new Army is beneficially better and will keep more good people in."

SSG Clifford Siemon, 864th Engineers:

"There seems to be a lack of mature judgment of upper NCO ranks toward the better educated, self-determining new soldiers. The lack of fair judgment and communication between the old NCO and the young soldier is causing the latter to become lackadaisical, with an I-don't-give-a-damn attitude."



Presidio News Notes

Bus Schedules and Motor Pool Operating Hours Change

Effective June 28, operating hours at the post transportation motor pool dispatch office will be as follows: 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; and closed on federal holidays. Vehicles returned after closing hours should be parked in the outside parking lot. Deposit keys and trip tickets in the key box on building 627.

Effective June 30, the Presidio shuttle bus schedule dated July 23, 1974 will be changed to delete Run #10 after 5 p.m. and all of Runs #11 and #12. The Ft. Cronkhite shuttle bus schedule dated Oct. 3, 1974 will be changed to delete Run #9 which presently begins at 5:50 p.m.

Post 4th of July Ceremony

The Presidio will commemorate the 199th Independence Day of the United States with a ceremony starting at noon on July 4th at the Pershing flag pole. Lieutenant General Edward M. Flanagan, Jr., Sixth Army Commander, will be the reviewing officer.

Highlighting the ceremony will be a short history of the 1876-period uniform worn by the Presidio Bicentennial Parade unit.

Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison will also participate in the ceremony and the 504th MP Battalion will render a 50-gun salute.

The observance is open to the public.

Ft. Point Independence Day Ceremonies

The Fort Point National Historic Site will begin its bicentennial celebration on July 4th with a civil war encampment, a public picnic, an afternoon of square dancing and an evening of blue grass music.

Normal visiting hours at Fort Point, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., have been extended to 9 p.m. for the Independence Day activities. There is no admission charge.

Expectant Parent Classes

Expectant parent classes will be given at Letterman Army Medical Center on six consecutive Mondays starting July 7 and ending August 11. Classes will cover care during pregnancy, care of the mother after delivery, labor and delivery and care of the newborn. Classes are given in the Professional Conference Room on the third floor of Letterman Army Medical Center from 7 to 9 p.m. All expectant parents are invited to attend. For registration, call the community health nurse at 561-2003 or 4994.

Weekend Buses to Ft. Cronkhite

Muni has started a bargain weekend bus service between San Francisco and Ft. Cronkhite beach on the Marin headlands north of the Golden Gate.

The No. 32 Embarcadero bus will depart every 90 minutes on weekends and holidays. The first bus will leave from the new Southern Pacific Depot on 4th and Townsend Streets at 9:30 a.m. and the last at 5 p.m.

The bus will stop at several points in the Presidio and on the Golden Gate Bridge Plaza before crossing to the Marin side. First return trip will be at 11 a.m. and the last at 6:30 p.m.

Fare is 25 cents in each direction. The service will continue until Oct. 26.

Fun-Day at the Beach

Join the fun! Enjoy a day at the Santa Cruz Beach-Boardwalk.

Saturday, June 28 is the Presidio's "Fun-Day - at the - Beach". \$4.00 per person entitles you to unlimited rides from 1 to 5 p.m. (There is no admission charge).

The Santa Cruz Beach is safe, clean and has 21 major rides including the roller coaster and new "Spider." Use the coupon in this newspaper to purchase your special Fun Day wristbands.

Driver wanted for established car pool to and from Presidio. Petaluma or Santa Rosa area. Call C. Spencer Johnson at 2336 or 2405.

Pat Puckett, Waterville and Silver Avenue, San Francisco to Presidio (Bldg. 87). Need a ride. Telephone: 3988 or 2826.

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd., Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518, (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg. 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing carpool.

SP5 Eugenia Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland, telephone: 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Refugee Sponsorship

It's been nearly three months since the first South Vietnamese refugees began coming into this country. And still thousands of them are in resettlement centers in the United States or are in the process of being moved to the states from overseas staging areas.

With hopes of speeding up the resettlement process, SECDEF is encouraging individuals and various Army organizations to establish a volunteer sponsorship program.

To get the program going, a Joint Refugee Information Clearing Office (JRICO) has been established in the Pentagon. The JRICO office will be able to provide current information on the status and location of all refugees as well as procedures for the sponsorship program.

The JRICO office is expected to be operational for about three months. The Army element of JRICO will operate from Pentagon room BF 762. To contact the office by telephone, call 202-697-5190, 697-5110 or Autovon 227-5190. The phones will be manned during the normal work week.

Sponsoring a refugee is not a legal commitment, but as JRICO points out, there is a "moral commitment" to "assist the refugee to the best of the sponsor's ability."

A sponsor, whether it be an individual or group, is expected to provide food and shelter to the refugee and his family until he becomes self-sufficient; provide clothing and pocket money; lend assistance in finding employment and in school enrollment for children; and cover ordinary medical costs or medical insurance.

Sponsoring a refugee family can be difficult for an individual, but JRICO believes that an organization or group, such as all the personnel in a command, church group, wives' club or divisional association, could ease the burden for the thousands of Vietnamese without a home.

The question of continued eligibility of evacuees for exchange and theater privileges has arisen in connection with refugee sponsorship.

Refugees who are sponsored cannot be granted exchange privileges in their own right since they do not constitute an authorized patron category under AR 60-20. However, Department of the Army has authorized the following alternatives:

1. installation commanders may issue letters of authorization to permit evacuees to enter exchange facilities when accompanying their sponsor;
2. a sponsor can purchase items for such needs as may arise from his sponsorship;
3. any authorized patron can purchase items to give as a bona fide gift to evacuees;
- and 4. in case of a unit or organization that is authorized to purchase from the exchange, letters of authorization may be issued for use by evacuees when accompanied by the commander or designated representative of the unit or organization ((military member or dependent)).

Refugees sponsored by DOD civilians are not eligible for letters of authorization unless the sponsor is otherwise authorized exchange privileges.

ACTION LINE

Q. Since cigarette smoke is annoying to non-smokers and cigarettes are a definite health and safety hazard, I suggest that a section of the Post Library and Post Exchange Cafeteria be reserved for non-smokers. Also that smoking be prohibited in warehouses and any area that is used for storage of combustible materials, whether the materials occupy the entire building or only a small portion.

—Victoria Gelvin

A. The following action was taken concerning the May 23 query placed by Mrs. Gelvin. She was informed: 1. That Mr. Holmes of Recreation Services Division informed the safety manager that a non-smoking area in the library would be provided; 2. That Mr. Sims of the Bay Area Exchange informed the safety manager that a non-smoking area would be provided on a trial basis; 3. That warehouses containing combustible materials are posted as non-smoking areas.

—L. D. Bowen, Deputy Director, DPCA

CAR POOL

LTC Lenschau. Between Mt. Marin (Marinwood-Lucas Valley Area) to Presidio Bldg. 38. Wishes to join or form car pool. Telephone: 3892 (office) or 479-0409 (home).

Bernice Williams. Glenwood-Oaklawn area of West Lake in Daly City. Will share ride expenses or join car pool. Phone 2108 or 2109.

Margaret Lyons. 900 block, Key Avenue, Bayview District, San Francisco. Will join car pool or share ride and expenses. Phone 5545.

Seminar reflects slow job market

By John Chambers

Civilian jobs are scarce, competition for federal jobs is keen and the Army and college are good places to be.

That was the impression left here during a three and a half hour "Short Timers" seminar conducted by the Letterman Education center June 20.

Speakers from various civilian, federal and military employment agencies painted a gloomy job picture for the 25 short timers gathered in the Post Audio Visual Auditorium.

Although the employment outlook varies from place to place, they said, good jobs disappear rapidly forcing many people to take an unwanted position "just to get their foot in the door."

Positions requiring a bachelors or masters degree are in short supply as are apprenticeship programs. Best bets at the moment are in fields requiring a special skill or trade.

"I can place people with typing skills or accounting," said Mrs. Marylee Whitney of the California Employment Development Department. Openings also exist in San Francisco for systems analysts, welders and bilingual case workers. Teachers and social workers are least needed.

Bureau of Labor statistics quoted by Ms. Mae Reeves of the Letterman Education Center put the current unemployment rate at 9.2%. They also indicated that only two of ten future jobs will require a college degree and that most college grads will need a trade.

However, the seminar speakers noted a rapid advance of veterans into the college ranks. "It's a good place to be with the job market the way it is," said Mr. Jack Keys of San Francisco State University.

According to Keys, California state colleges are welcoming veterans. Many campuses have special veterans programs and the 19 California state schools are required by law to accept former servicemen regardless of their high school background, he said.

Veterans expecting preferential treatment for federal jobs will be bitterly disappointed said Ms. Janet Tant of the U.S. Job Information Center. "You will have to get your mind used to the fact that you are going to have to compete for the jobs," she said.

At present, there are over 12,000 people waiting for mid-level (grades 9-12) federal jobs in the San Francisco area. About 10 appointments are made each month.

Another 12,000 wait on the register for lower level jobs. This waiting list is ordered according to each applicant's performance on federal job exams.

A Western Recruiting Command NCO delivered a strong pitch for reenlistment, pointing out military career benefits and the difficulty of reenlisting after separation. "If you aren't sure about getting out, stay in," he said.

Recruiters have a quota on the number of prior servicemen they can take. There must be a slot in both MOS and rank to return a soldier to his or her previous position.

When quotas are filled, recruiters will select a first time enlistee over a prior serviceman according to the sergeant. "Contrary to popular belief, the Army likes to see a personnel turnover," he said.

DA continues tour extensions abroad

Involuntary overseas tour extensions announced Feb. 19 will remain in effect during fiscal year 1976, according to a Department of the Army message released June 20.

This policy has been in effect since April 1.

The announcement means that soldiers who would normally serve a 36-month long tour have had that tour involuntarily extended to 39 months. Unaccompanied personnel in a long tour area who would normally have served a 24-month tour have been extended to 27 months.

Those who would normally have served

a 12-month short tour will now serve 13 months.

DA told commands that inflation continues to drive travel costs up and there are no funds in the FY 76 budget to permit a reduction in overseas tour lengths.

"Until such time as additional funds are available, it is important to insure that all personnel are fully aware of the fact that involuntary overseas tour extensions will remain in effect indefinitely," the message said.

DA said soldiers overseas are encouraged to extend their tours for six months or more. Voluntary tour extensions save money and reduce personnel turbulence, according to DA.

State sex law differs from UCMJ

By Bill Roberts

For most consenting adults who remain behind closed doors, all sex acts will become legal when the New Year rings in Jan. 1.

The California assembly has passed a bill this session which, in effect, says consenting adults can do what they want when it comes to sex.

But for men and women in the Army, military law and a far-reaching U. S. Supreme Court decision play a key role in what they can—and cannot—do sexually.

The seven-page California bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Willie Brown of San Francisco, specifically removes criminal penalties for the sexual acts of "adulterous cohabitation, sodomy and oral copulation." The consenting adults can be married or unmarried, heterosexual or homosexual.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) still frowns on similar acts, as do most state laws, classifying them under the general category of "sodomy."

Under the UCMJ, virtually all of the sexual acts legalized under the California statute remain illegal. And the penalties are severe: a dishonorable discharge and up to five years imprisonment for consenting adults caught engaging in sodomy.

A major U.S. Supreme Court decision—the O'Callahan decision—

—limits the military's jurisdiction in non-service connected crimes committed off post.

The court ruled in 1969 that an off-duty, out of uniform serviceman was subject to civilian—not military—jurisdiction for allegedly raping a Navy wife.

Captain Benjamin Reese of the Presidio Judge Advocate's Office explains the effect of this ruling on military law: "These non-service connected cases that happen off-post are not of interest to us now. The individuals cannot be punished under military law unless there is a direct service connection. However, the Army is not precluded from taking administrative action, including discharge against military members involved in such acts."

Despite the widespread publicity given the California bill, some legal officials question how much impact the new statute will actually have.

At least one aspect of the original state statute—that concerning sex acts between husband and wife—was on the books for years but wasn't very closely enforced.

"I think it's mostly a case of public attitudes changing enough that a law of this nature can be passed," said Capt. Reese.

Volunteers make the Thrift Shop work

Exotic potted plants, an antique iron, and a set of mounted deer antlers you'd expect to find in a dark corner curio shop downtown. But these are just a few of the hundreds of different items offered for sale by the volunteer ladies of the post thrift shop.

Not all the merchandise found in the thrift shop is as unusual as the three items mentioned. The shelves and floor area of the shop are also covered with more ordinary articles such as furniture, clothing, appliances, and books.

Goods in the shop are either donated or sold on a consignment basis from military and on post civilian personnel and their dependents. The items are used but are clean and serviceable. They also represent quite a savings to the budget minded person.

The 75-80 ladies who handle this busy operation are volunteers, including the manager, Helen M. Irvine. It takes at least 13 women to run the shop each day it's open, with the ladies working on rotating shifts throughout the month.

"The ladies perform a very valuable service to the shop, and we're very happy to get as many volunteers as possible,"

said Mrs. Irvine. The volunteers are wives representing the various units and organizations on post, as well as many retiree's wives.

The women act as sales clerks and cashiers and operate both consignment desks, either taking in merchandise or giving out money to consignees when items are sold.

Merchandise is priced through the ladies' general knowledge of goods (some specific) and also by comparing items to similar ones in the shop's stock.

The thrift shop receives a 20 per cent commission on the selling price of all consigned goods. These profits go to all the youth activities on post.

The shop is "sponsored" by a Board of Governors, whose members are also volunteers from the units and organizations on post. They are responsible for all policy decisions concerning the shop.

An extension of the volunteer ladies' efforts is to be found at Creation's Unlimited, the post's new boutique and art gallery. The arts and craft items sold by the boutique are original works by military personnel, their dependents, and civilian personnel on post. It also features weekly demonstrations by the artists showing various arts and crafts techniques.

All items are sold on a consignment basis similar to the thrift shop, and profits likewise go to post youth activities.

The ladies would like to encourage all personnel to bring their work in to the shop to display for sale.

Secretary Callaway's farewell message

Secretary of the Army Howard "Bo" Callaway has sent the following message to all Army personnel concerning his resignation.

"Today I am announcing that I will shortly submit my resignation as Secretary of the Army.

"President Ford has asked me to take on the job as his campaign manager for the 1976 election, and I have accepted.

"When I became Secretary of the Army in May, two years ago, I suspected that when the time came for me to leave the Army, it would be difficult. I did not really know it was going to be this traumatic.

"Like every one of my predecessors and like every commander from squad leader to chief of staff in our 200 years, I don't feel that my job is finished. It never will be. But I am deeply honored to have had a part in the Army moving completely to an all-volunteer force, in achieving the highest quality Army in history and in giving our country the best combat-ready fighting force in any peacetime period.

"The Army has done a tremendous job

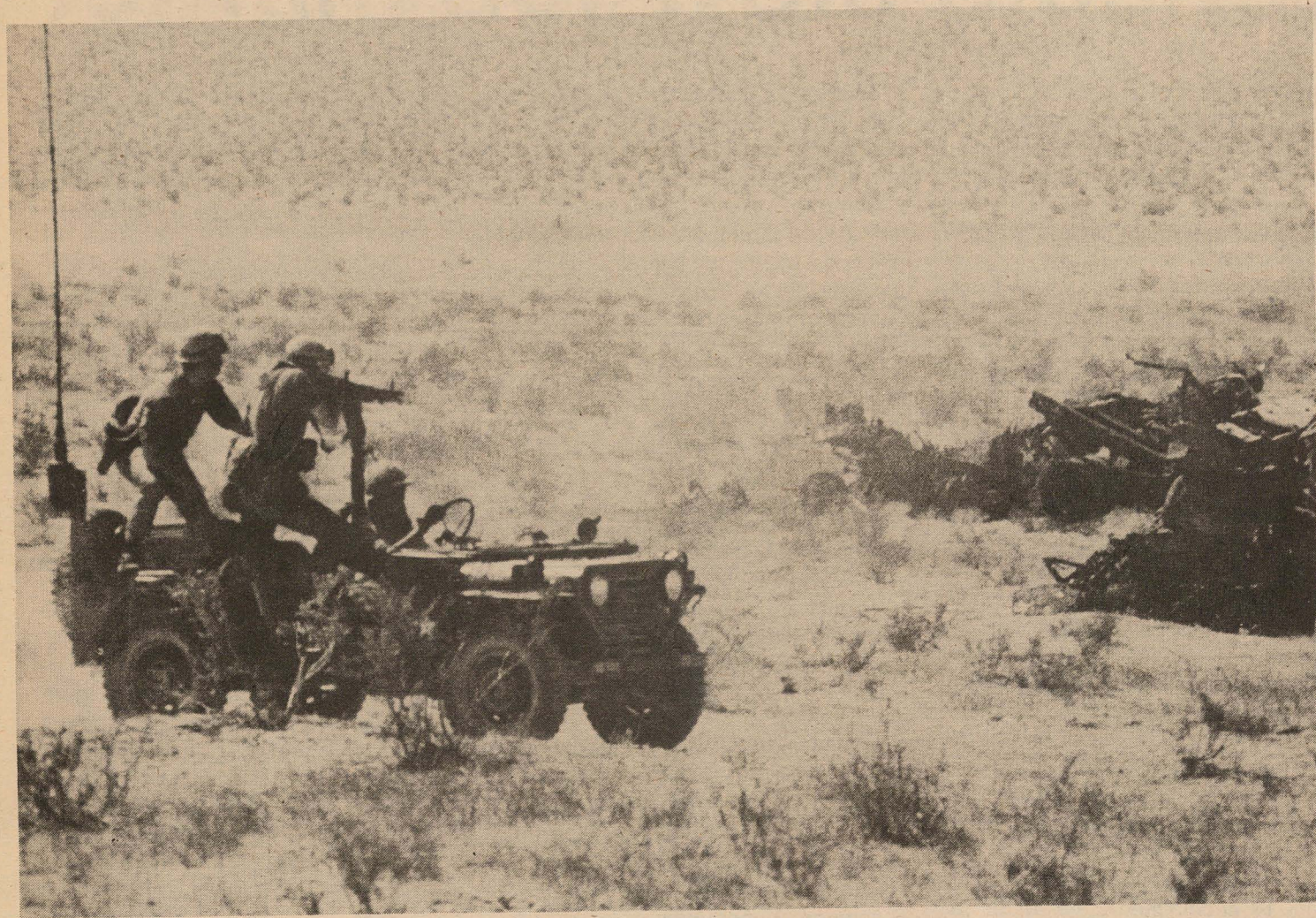
"I do know, however, that for 26 months I have had the most challenging, most satisfying job in this great country. I have loved every day of it.

during my stewardship. My deep appreciation goes out to every person connected with the Army for this splendid performance. Thank you for your unstinting support.

"Today you are marching tall in the eyes of the public, the Congress, and the news media, as well as our allies and certainly our potential enemies.

"I challenge you to raise your sights once more and work toward an even higher goal of improving what is already the best Army ever."

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402nd gunners practice live-fire "Rat Patrol style" from the back of a moving jeep.

"Operation Desert Vault" was a first for any Presidio unit. Other MP companies have trekked south, but the 402nd was the first to do it by air. This was a major difference since these are STRAF (Strategic Army Force) elements supposedly capable of moving around the globe on short notice. Star Presidian reporter Craig Steen went along on this mission, June 2-6, and brought back the following written and photographic report.

The early June morning was cold, and the hint of dawn had not yet begun to lighten the sky. A brisk wind, sweeping in from the Bay, caused several persons of the 402nd MP Company to shiver despite the heavy coats they wore.

The military policemen and women, dressed in full combat gear to include M-16 rifles and M-60 machine guns, hurriedly made checks on their jeep vehicles to make sure all equipment, C-rations, and personal belongings were secure.

At 3:30 a.m. Captain Floyd Davis, 402nd commander, gave the order to move out. Fifteen jeeps, some with trailers hitched to the back and each carrying two or more people, began to roll slowly away from their headquarters at Ft. Scott.

Only the squelching of the vehicles' 25 radios broke the stillness.

The rest of the Presidio slept on.

Across the Golden Gate Bridge, up Highway 101, over to Highway 37, and onto Interstate 80 journeyed the convoy of jeeps. After an hour's ride, vehicles and MP personnel drove through the main gate of Travis Air Force Base.

An Air Force master sergeant directed the convoy onto the base's vast runway. Parked and waiting were three giant C-141 cargo jet aircraft. Five jeeps lined up behind each aircraft in a prearranged order.

Air Force loading crews quickly explained procedures on loading vehicles and equipment onto an aircraft. The briefing completed, men and women of the 402nd, guided by Air Force personnel, began driving jeeps up ramps, through the three C-141's huge, yawning cargo doors, and into the planes' cavernous interiors.

Trailers followed, pushed in by hand. When everything was aboard, the Army drivers and passengers helped the planes' crewmen anchor the vehicles, trailers, and equipment with heavy steel chains.

When all the planes were loaded and secured, the C-141 crewmembers briefed the MPs on emergency landing procedures. Completed, all took seats and buckled in.

As the sun's first golden rays brightened the air base, the first of the three jumbo cargo planes taxied down the runway and lifted into the air. The other two followed at one-hour intervals.

An hour passed before the first of the aircraft touched down at George AFB in southern California.

After unloading the craft, the plane load of MPs waited for the other planes to arrive. When all had landed and unloaded,

they formed up for another two-hour motor-march into the heart of California's most desolate real estate, with a final stop at Ft. Irwin—an Army reservist post just a few miles from Death Valley.

The group arrived at Irwin and continued through the sparsely populated main post area, and out into the wide-open desert beyond.

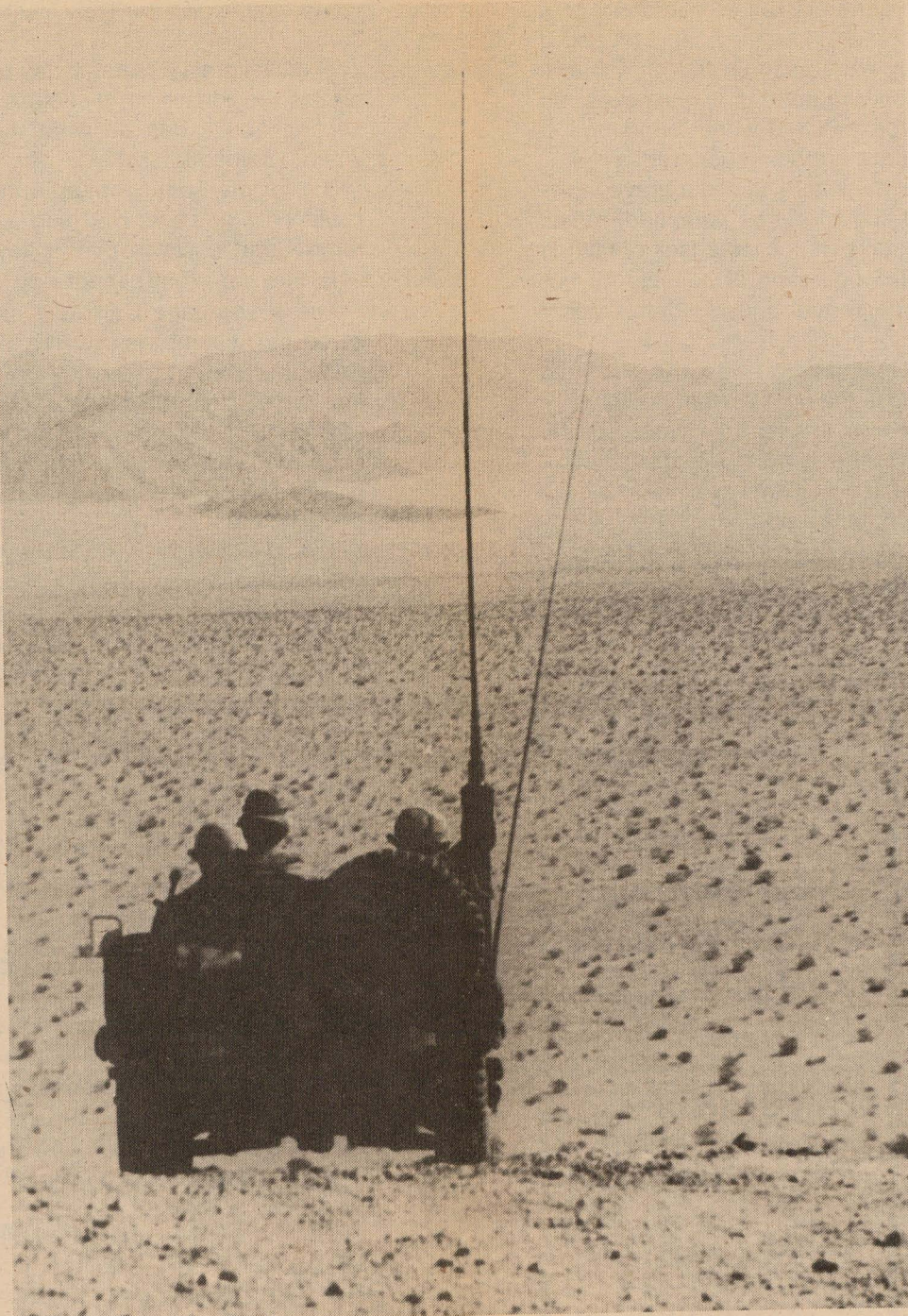
They stopped at a designated camp site many miles from the oasis-like main post. It was mid-morning and already the temperature had climbed into the 90's. Hot, tired, and dusty from the trip in their open jeeps, the MPs began setting up their command post. By early afternoon, the task was done.

Two more serials from the Presidio, with more equipment, personnel, and even larger vehicles, such as heavy "duce and a half" trucks, followed the first's exact pattern to the site.

Phase one of "Operation Desert Vault", involving the airlift of over 160 persons, 42 vehicles, and numerous pieces of combat equipment and supplies, was completed.

The main events of the 402nd's week-long stay in the desert—raid and capture, interrogations, defile training, VIP and sensitive material escorts, night movements, and live-fire with M-60 machine guns—were about to begin.

Raid and capture. A platoon of raiders traveled miles into the desert toward an enemy hideout manned by other 402nd



A solitary jeep breaks up the desolate Ft. Irwin landscape.

troopers. Using stealth and combat maneuvers, the platoon advanced, engaged the enemy with blank simulated rifle fire, and captured the agents.

The victors returned their prisoners to a

POW cage where another platoon did the paperwork, interrogation, frisking, and impounding.

What seemed to be the dustiest roads in California gave the MPs a perfect site for defile training. Object of the exercise: stay aware of how many friendly vehicles are in a convoy, and successfully guide them around road obstacles.

A convoy of MPs, riding in open jeeps with mounted M-60 machine guns on every other vehicle, were the traffic. Red dust billowed from the lead jeep's wheels, nearly hiding each vehicle from the other. Convoy drivers and passengers wore gas masks or dampened scarfs across their faces to filter out the dust.

"Enemy" vehicles sneaked behind the convoy to test defile personnel. Harrassing sniper fire was also common.

Presidio commander, Col. Robert V. Kane flew in to see the exercise and put the VIP in the VIP training.

As soon as the commander and his personal staff stepped off the Army aircraft, they were surrounded by MP personnel with automatic weapons. All were briefed of expected "sniper" activity and given steel pots. True to the briefer's word, snipers opened up as the convoy approached the camp site.

Machine gun fire from gun jeeps quickly quelled the snipers.

Live-firing the M-60 machine gun was the training's final exercise. With 100 rounds each, gunners shot from moving jeeps at old demolished vehicles. A tracer started a fire in the oil pan or tire of one target vehicle.

Living was in the field. Baths were steel pots. Sleeping was on the ground or in a vehicle. Dining consisted of C-rations and an occasional meal from the company's mobile mess.

Though the weather was hot during the day, strong winds and cool temperatures made sleep at night difficult.

The desert inhabitants—snakes and lizards—remained friendly for the most part. But the desert scorpion slept with at least one human invader. The painful sting from the tail of this belligerent creature can cause sickness or death.

Though the training was tough, not many complained. The nine women on

the desert excursion thought their first time on a combat exercise fun. They also proved that women can do anything a man can do in a given situation. None received favoritism.

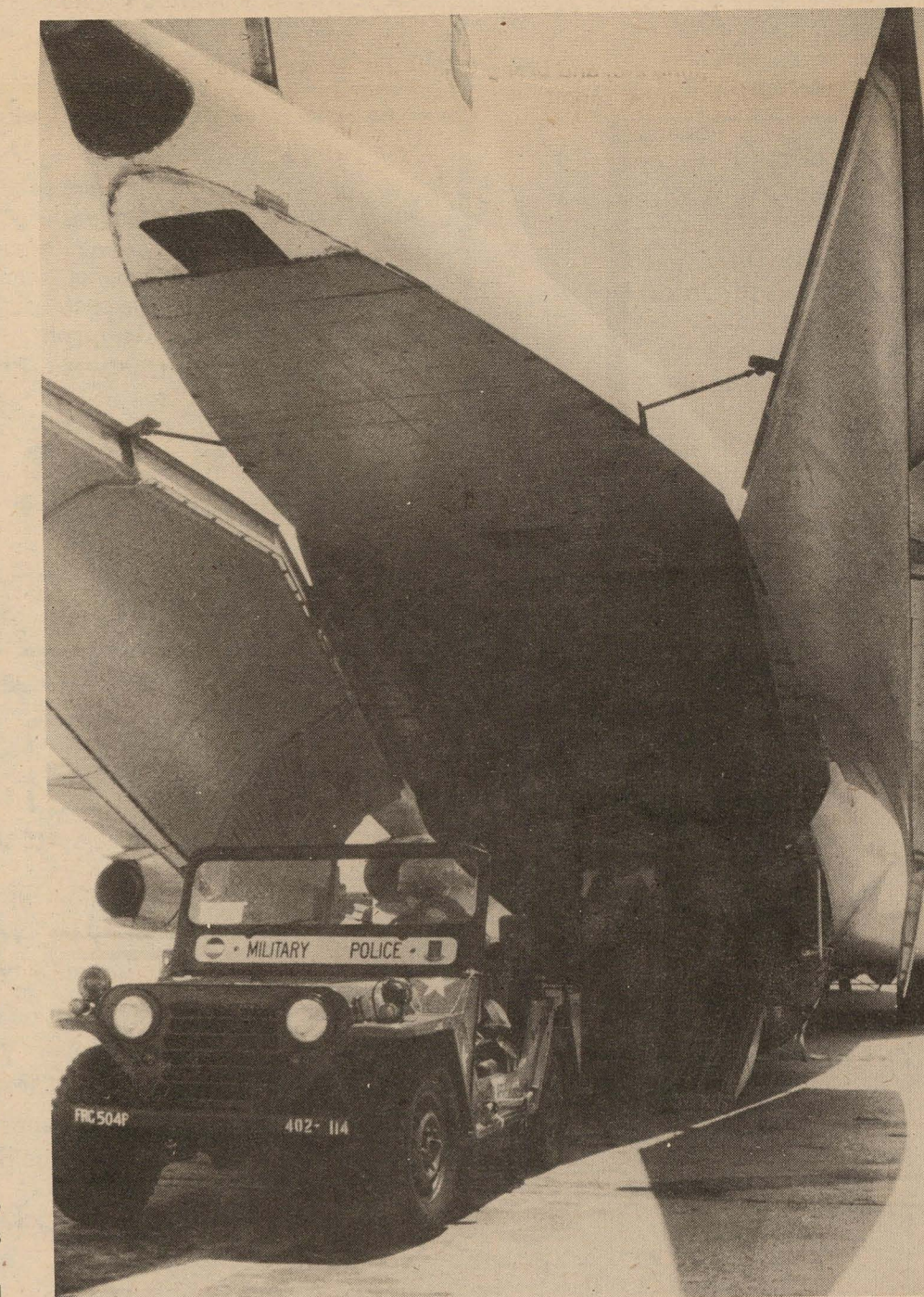
Thursday afternoon marked the end of the training and the beginning task of cleaning equipment, weapons, and the

personnel themselves, back at Ft. Irwin's main post. When this phase ended all were released for refreshing dips in a huge swimming pool, beer at the cafeteria, or a movie.

"Operation Desert Vault" ended early Friday.



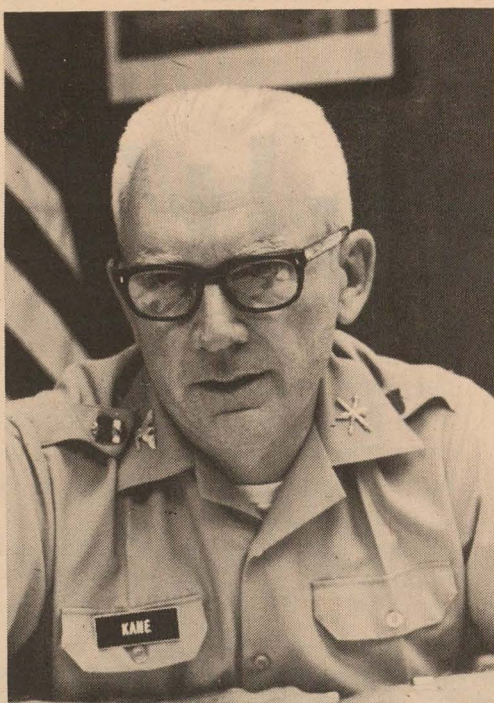
One of the nine women MPs looks out the plane window during the flight down.



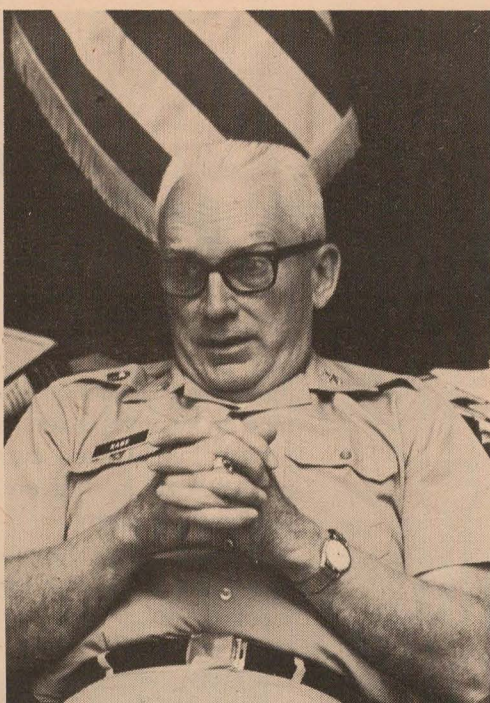
On the Travis runway, a 402nd jeep backs through the huge doors of a C-141 Starlifter.



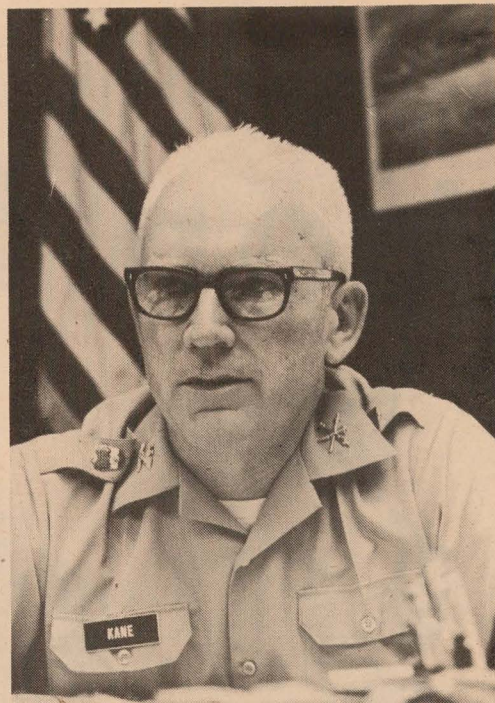
Tear gas billows from an "enemy" hideout during a practice raid.



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An Interview With Colonel Kane

Colonel Robert V. Kane took command of the Presidio Sept. 1, 1973. During his tenure, the 50-year-old commander has dealt with problems ranging from orphan airlifts to dwindling budgets. Here is Colonel Kane's personal view of his command taken during a June 22 interview with the Star Presidian.

S.P. What do you consider the high points of your 22 months as Presidio commander?

Col. Kane. Well, I think without any question the high point would be the support the Presidio gave the orphan airlift. During that time we had as our guests here some 1,400 Vietnamese orphans. And we gave them the utmost of services in a major coordinated effort. I feel that the

work done here was as beneficial a work as a person could do almost in his whole lifetime, let alone 22 months.

Another highpoint was the pride I had in the Presidio just lately with our Bicentennial celebration. That Saturday was an outstanding day, I thought, from everybody's point of view. Starting in the morning with the opening ceremonies, the displays, and finally culminating with the parade where the soldiers were attired in 1870 uniforms. This was quite a day for the Presidio. It not only provided a lot of favorable publicity for the Presidio but did a lot to upgrade Presidio moral.

SP. Colonel, with the lack of a real visible strategic posture here at the Presidio, a lot of the soldiers wonder what they are actually doing here. What do you see as the Presidio's primary mission?

Col. Kane. The Presidio's primary mission is that of a gigantic hotel keeper. We've got some 37 tenant activities located here at the Presidio who require the support of all concerned. Every bit of the work that goes on here at the Presidio from the command point of view, the staff point of view and that also of the troops is to support these important activities.

I'm speaking about organizations such as headquarters Sixth Army, Letterman Army Medical Center, Letterman Army Institute of Research, the sixth region of the CID command, the 525th Military Intelligence Group and the reserve forces that are supported here. All of the troops at the Presidio in one way or another are here to provide this kind of support.

SP. There are many people worried

about the fate of the commissaries, now that they will have to be self-supporting. How do you think the Presidio Commissary, in particular, is going to be affected by the change to a self-supporting system?

Col. Kane. Well, if they change, and I don't know that all the results are in on that yet, suffice it to say that the prices will obviously go up in the commissary and the great savings that are currently enjoyed by Army retired patrons of the commissary will no longer be there. What we're saying basically is that we are getting closer to the prices of a normal civilian food store. And when that occurs I suspect that a lot of the patrons who come in from outlying areas will not bother.

These patrons are probably the ones that are going to be hurt the most because they are generally retired personnel on a fixed income. When they came on active duty they were assured that they had a commissary to trade in all their lives. So these promises that were understood at the time are not being honored.

I personally think this is a grave injustice and should not be permitted. I think it's a mistake. It implies a lack of faith in the overall operation of benefits for our military personnel and I certainly decry the idea.

SP. How do you see the Presidio changing in the next 25 years or longer?

Col. Kane. I think the mission of the Presidio probably won't change to much. I think the Presidio will continue to be a gigantic hotel supporting a variety of tenants.

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I can certainly anticipate that Letterman Army Medical Center and the Letterman Army Institute of Research will continue to be here. I have no way of predicting what the Army has in mind for its command structure in the next 20 to 25 years. I would think that there would have to be some kind of major regional headquarters in the San Francisco area and, as such, it would logically be stationed here at the Presidio.

I think what you're going to see is a change in the mix of the tenant units. Some will stay, some will go to be replaced by others. But about the same amount of support will be rendered.

SP. How about physically? What new structures do you see going up?

Col. Kane. Physically, we're going to change quite a bit. Demolition crews are knocking down old Letterman Army Hospital which was built starting at the time of the Spanish American War. This old hospital is being torn down to make way for new enlisted barracks. We're going to find a new campus-like atmosphere and facilities there. Basically what we are doing is tearing down a number of temporary buildings and replacing them with permanent structures of a far fewer number.

This will happen in other parts of the post of course. One of our big dreams, going back to the commissary, is to tear down the existing building and rebuild it

approximately on the location of PX three on Mason Street. We'd like also to relocate Mason Road into the middle of the old Crissy Army Air Field in order to provide proper parking facilities for the new commissary. Hopefully, if the commissaries do survive in our establishment, we'll have a new commissary in four or five years. This will provide a nice shopping complex utilizing the post exchange, the commissary, and all the other facilities in that area so that we can have one-stop shopping.

I hope in the very near future to have building 135, the co-located enlisted men's club and recreation center, operating. This will be a big step forward and a good thing for the people here at the Presidio.

SP. That's all the questions we have. Would you like to say something to the people of the Presidio?

Col. Kane. Well, of course, being commander has been a great honor, and the highpoint I suppose of my military career. I've had a tremendously satisfying tour of duty here. I'm going to miss very much the people at the Presidio—the members of the staff, the tenant units and the soldiers. Fortunately, I'm going to be living in the area so I intend to see a lot of the Presidio in the future and keep my associations always renewed. You know that song about I left my heart in San Francisco? I'm afraid I left my heart here.

SPORTS

Chess Tournament

Chess buffs can compete for post honors Monday, June 30 when the post Recreation Center hosts the All Post Chess Tournament.

Rec services will award a gift certificate to the winner and runner-up and submit their names to the Department of the Army for all-Army competition.

Players will be broken into groups according to their chess rating. A 20-second rule will be in effect, meaning contestants will have to move once every 20 seconds.

Starting time is 6 p.m. More information is available by calling the recreation Center at 561-2000 after 2 p.m. daily.

division honors with a 73. Scores were based on the Callaway system.

Some 30 players entered the tournament despite poor weather.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL (June 23)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
170th MP Company	7	0
Letterman	4	1
Garrison	4	2
402nd MP Company	3	2
Western Recruiting	3	3
LAIR	2	5
Corps of Engineers	1	5
Support Element	0	6

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
HHD 504th MP Bn	5	0
Armed Forces Police	5	1
864th Engineers	4	1
666th Radar Squadron	3	3
16th Base Post Office	2	3
525th MI Group	1	5
Readiness Region IX	1	3
Med Lab	0	5

INTRAMURAL BOWLING (June 23)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
402nd MP Company	16	4
USACC, AG	15	5
Armed Forces Police	12½	7½
170th MP Company	12	8
525th MI Group	11	9
Support Element	11	9
Garrison	8	12
Sixth Army Band	7½	12½
CID	4	16
Harbor Craft	3	17

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Letterman	14	6
864th Engineers	14	6
Support Element #2	12	8
Med Lab	11	9
LAIR	11	9
HHD 504th MP Bn	10	10
402nd MP Company	8	12
16th Base Post Office	8	12
Garrison #2	7	13
USASA	5	15

Cal-Pal Baseball

Presidio Cal-Pal baseball swept through its second weekend here last week.

Tight defense led the Tigers to a 15-6 win over the Astros and a 4-3 victory against the Red Sox.

The Dodgers also had two wins, defeating the Phillies 13-9 and the Pirates 13-1. In three games, the Dodgers have scored 44 runs and given up 16.

Meanwhile, the Braves, relying on timely hitting and outstanding pitching, beat the Red Sox 16-3 and the Phillies 4-2. And the Pirates came back from their loss to the Dodgers to dump the defending champion Orioles 6-2.

CAL-PAL BASEBALL (June 21)

	Won	Lost	GB
Braves	3	0	
Dodgers	3	0	
Tigers	3	0	
Orioles	2	1	1
Pirates	1	2	2
Phillies	0	3	3
Red Sox	0	3	3
Astros	0	3	3

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Built-in locks are no longer part of the Presidio Gym's lockers.

After losing keys to nearly half their lockers, gym personnel remove the locks to prevent theft by the persons with the stolen keys. If you want to use the lockers, bring your own lock.

Civilian Golf Results

Roy Benham and Bill Clyde, both of the Civilian Personnel Office, won the first annual Presidio Civilian Employee Golf Tournament June 19 at the Presidio Golf Course.

Benham won the senior division (45 and over) with a 72 while Clyde took open

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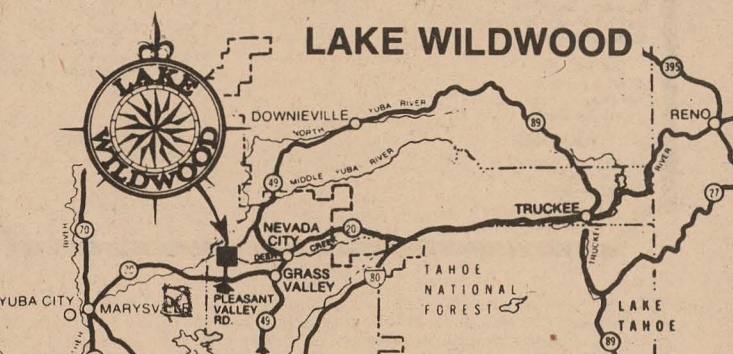
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Plan shows Presidio of 1995

By John Chambers

Solar heating systems, dormitory style barracks and one-stop shopping are in the Presidio's near future according to the Facilities Engineer master plan.

The plan, shown this week to the Star Presidian, calls for demolition of over 250 buildings around post and the construction of about 75 new ones.

Several tenant headquarters, including the Sixth Region CID and the 525th Military Intelligence Group, will be relocated. Remodeling will change the inside of the Ft. Scott barracks and convert the ones along Montgomery Street into offices.

Plans call for a new bowling alley and swimming pool next to the Post Gym and the partial relocation of Mason and Fun-

ton Streets.

The entire master plan covers 20-years but a short-term five year plan is already underway. That project includes new barracks, a new commissary, revamped Ft. Scott barracks, a new Facilities Engineer compound and chapel center facilities.

In the five-year framework, post engineers hope to change the Letterman "old hospital" area into a campus with billets and a consolidated dining facility. Work has begun on the project with the demolition of 27 buildings between Halleck Street and General Kennedy Avenue.

Construction is scheduled to begin next month on a three-story enlisted women's barracks and a hospital ad-

ministration center. Another 160-person women's barracks and a 450-man enlisted men's barracks are programmed for the five-year plan.

None of the old white Letterman Hospital buildings will remain. Parking lots and lawns will cover the vacant space between buildings.

The new commissary will begin a major work project north of Doyle Drive that will also eliminate Crissy Field and some 117 World War II vintage buildings.

Although the commissary is receiving top priority, building officials must await the outcome of a special DOD study. It will determine which commissaries will remain world-wide and how they are financed. Results are expected before the end of October.

If funds are available, the new commissary will go on the site of the present MP motor pool and be similar in appearance to the main exchange.

All new building will be done on former building sites to preserve present landscaping. None of the buildings can be over four stories high and much of the demolition has to be cleared with the state historical society since the Presidio is a registered national landmark.

Solar heating is a hoped-for long term project in the remodeled Ft. Scott barracks and the Montgomery Street buildings. Large four by eight feet reflectors will be placed on the PX Field and near Ruckman Avenue. Heat from the sun will warm a fluid running beneath the plates and be pumped through heating systems.

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RIF hits 2,100 lower grade officers

More than 2,100 company grade regular Army and reserve officers will be riffed from the Army by Sept. 30, according to a MILPERCEN fact sheet issued in Washington, D.C. June 30.

Those who were regular enlisted Army prior to commissioning will be permitted to reenlist plus those who were awarded the Silver Star or higher decorations of valor.

A Department of the Army active duty board selected 2,138 for elimination. Letters were mailed June 23, through command channels to those officers to be separated. Letters were mailed a week later to the 544 officers selected for retention.

A brief statistical review of the officers selected for release indicates the following:

*625 were RA, while 1,513 were not RA.

*The Finance Corps had the largest percentage of officers considered for release (88.5%). Military Intelligence had the smallest with 72.8%. The average percentage for all branches was 79.9%.

*51.2 per cent of the officers held a bachelors degree. Three per cent held a masters degree. 37.3 per cent had two years of college while 8.5 per cent had only a high school diploma.

*599 of the 675 aviators considered, were selected for release (88.7%).

*132 of 197 U.S. Military Academy grads considered, were released.

*The average age was 30.8 years old. The youngest officers were 25 while the oldest was 44.

Appeals from officers selected for release will be considered prior to Sept. 30, 1975 by a special active duty board. Appeals should only be submitted if they meet the strict criteria of AR 623-105.

Regular Army or reserve officers who previously served as RA enlisted members and who did not have a break in service prior to obtaining their commissions, may apply for reenlistment. Also, officers who have earned the Silver Star or higher medal for valor may apply for enlistment under the provisions of AR 610-280.

Troop departures cut laundry business

Decreased troop strength has cut business at the post quartermaster laundry by some 20 per cent, according to a laundry spokesman.

Although there is no danger the laundry will close, its work-force has been reduced nearly 50 per cent in the last two years.

Located in the "old hospital" area near Gorgas Avenue, the Presidio Quartermaster Laundry handles some 330,000 pieces of laundry each month. About 300,000 of these are sheets and medical materials from Letterman Hospital.

A recent campaign to spur business from the troops stationed here has produced only marginal results.

"We always used to figure on one million pieces each quarter," said laundry manager Thomas J. Frothingham. "But it dropped to 828,000 in the third quarter of this fiscal year."

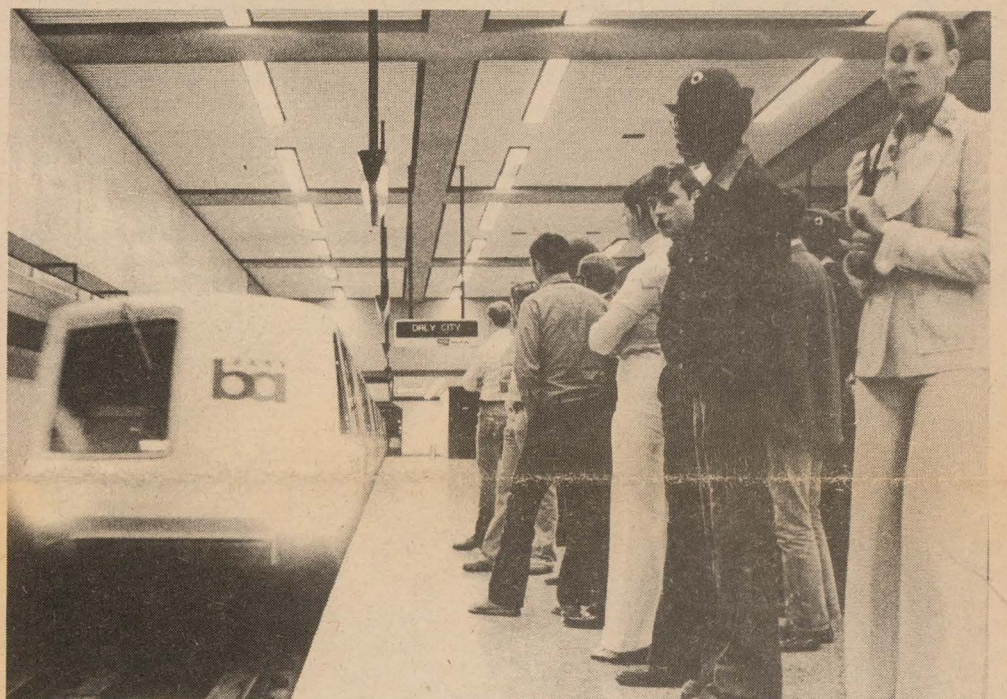
According to Frothingham, part of the reason was the Christmas season which is always slow, but another is the lack of troop support in the form of payroll deduction laundry service.

Under this plan, soldiers can have 26 pieces of laundry cleaned, pressed and starched each week for \$6.26 which is deducted from their pay. Program participants bring laundry to the unit supply sergeant who keeps it until the laundry makes its pickup.

Soldiers can have clothes returned on hangers. Frothingham said his service is about 50 per cent cheaper than a civilian laundry.

About 175 people participate in the program now. This is a considerable drop since the removal of air defense units stationed here and troops at Oakland Army Base and Hamilton Air Force Base.

A campaign to renew interest in the laundry's program at a company level has



Presidio MPs wait to board a BART train during their tour.

MPs tour BART system and police force

Military policemen and women of the 504th MP Battalion recently toured the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) system to learn about its unique police force.

Thirty members of the 402nd MP Company were treated to a day-long look at BART headquarters, its trains and tunnels.

Bused to the Lake Merritt Station in Oakland, the MPs met their tour guide, Officer Cliff Shirley, who quickly informed them that the 81 uniformed BART officers comprise one of California's smallest and most sophisticated police agencies.

More than a security force to watch over people and equipment, BART's police are a complete law enforcement

agency operating similar to that of any city. BART policemen must perform patrols as well as detective work.

Shirley brought the group through BART Central Control where a huge electrical screen tracks the location and movements of every train in operation.

been successful only in the 864th Engineers where participation went from 50 to 96 people.

The computerized system starts, stops and routes all trains along BART's 75 miles of track.

The MPs then boarded a train for a ride to Daly City and then toured the transbay tube, a 3.7 mile walkway running parallel to the rail system under the bay.

A hurricane-force wind nearly swept several MPs from their feet as an approaching train rushed by a tunnel escape

door at 80 miles per hour. The door, which is an emergency exit between the train tunnel and the walkway, was left open.

Acting post commander

Colonel John D. Cunningham became acting Presidio commander July 1 with the retirement of Colonel Robert V. Kane.

Colonel Cunningham will remain in that position until the new post commanding officer, Colonel Warren Lodge arrives, July 25.



Ramblin' Sam

What regulation or policy would you most like to see changed?

SGM David Silvernail, acting post command sergeant major:

"Lower ranking personnel, E-1 through E-5, assigned to a post like the Presidio should get something like a cost of living allowance to defray living expenses until on-post quarters become available. There is no regulation to cover this but I think there should be."



Sp4 Steven Byrd, SJA:

"The haircut policy should be changed. I believe that if you keep it neat and clean, you should be allowed to let it grow out. If it's attractive and well groomed, I feel it should be left to grow to the individual's liking."



Sybil Johnston, information office:

"I think soldiers in general should smarten up their appearance. If they won't do it voluntarily, then the regulations should be changed and enforced. It's a matter of personal pride, mostly."



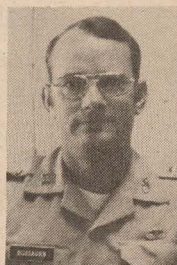
Sp4 Diana Griffin, 402nd MP Company:

"I would like to see women wear a dress green pants uniform. Pants are more comfortable and keep you warmer."



Capt. Ariel Hoisager, headquarters commandant:

"Housing regulations should be changed to allow dependents to stay in on-post quarters for, say 90 days, when involved in CONUS transfers. This would give the service member time to locate adequate quarters in his new location."



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Med Co (WAC)	Cathy Jo Williams, E4	2932	2361
Med Co (WAC)	Billie Russell, E6	2681	2361
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LAIR	Gregory T.P. Lyles, E5	3215	4982
227th Med Det	Deborah E. Carter, E2	4643	4733
USAML Fort Baker	Vivian Nelson, E5	7220	7590
HQ Co, USAG	Ruby L. Johnson, E5	4214	4277
HQ Co, USAG	Randall B. Neal, E4	3988	4277
504th MP Bn	Iris E. Gunter, E2	3000	3000
402nd MP Co	Jonathon Reese, E5	5180	5180
170th MP Bn	Selma Russell, E5	2902	5172
163rd MP Det	Deborah Brown, E4	4188	2829
16th BPO	Melvin A. Brathwaite, E4	4420	4834
864th Engr	Charles W. Haywood, E5	2886	4474
525th MI Gp	Theodore Montoya, E5	4060	4060
HQ, USAWRRRC	Billy T. Henley, E5	7343	7343
87th Ord Det (EOD)	Robert E. Semore, E4	2524	2524
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Presidio News Notes

USO Activities

The San Francisco USO is sponsoring the Children's Fairyland in Oakland, Tuesday, July 8. There will be free puppet shows, rides and games. Children can feed the animals, and be entertained by Popo the clown. The park has a large lake nearby, and picnicking is welcome.

Admission to the park is 50¢ per adult, 25¢ per child. A bus will pick up those wishing to go in Oakland, 9 a.m.; Treasure Island, 9:15 ; Presidio, 9:30.

For reservations and further details call the USO at 621-0630.

Presidio NCO/EM Activities

The Eddie Cash Show, "Mr. World of Music," will be featured at the Log Cabin Annex, July 8,9,10,29 and 30.

A band known as "Just Music," a very talented and renown group, will be featured at the Main Club every Saturday through July.

Presidio Officers' Club Activities

The fabulous "Rick and Ruby Show," a zany musical comedy revue, will be featured in the Attic Lounge Saturday, July 12, at 9:30 p.m.

Entertainment is featured every night. Arnie Montano plays in the Dining Room Sundays and Mondays. Go-Go dancers entertain in the Attic Lounge, Tuesdays, Dottie del Prado keeps things lively at the Pianobar, Thursdays and Fridays, while rock bands also play on Fridays and on Saturdays. Wednesdays and Saturdays feature a dance band in the dining room.

FORSCOM Birthday

Happy anniversary greetings are extended to all men and women of the United States Army Forces Command.

Although FORSCOM is only two years old, our achievements have been impressive. Your dedication and professionalism have resulted in considerable improvement in the readiness posture of this command.

As we enter our third year, we all look to the future as an opportunity and a challenge to maintain the momentum we have underway. This will require our devoting our full effort toward the achievement of our constant goal: The total combat readiness of our forces.

General Bernard W. Rogers
FORSCOM

Federal Women's Program Information Sheet

Additional June Information Sheets are available for those who did not receive a copy or wish to obtain extras. The June issue contained the compiled questionnaire results that was distributed to Presidio Women, February through May, 1974. To obtain copies send a self-addressed message center envelope to Holly Handler, FWPC, Bldg. 1216 or for information call ext. 4900/4445.

Exchange Auto Bonus

According to Mr. Williamson, the exchange service-station manager, a few minutes of your time could make you the winner of a valuable automotive item in the AAFES AUTO BONUS.

To make your bid, pick up a registration form at any AAFES exchange retail or automotive facility. Fill our your name and address and deposit the slip in the box at the exchange service station or automotive accessory store.

ACTION LINE

The Commander's Action Line is available to help with problems or answer questions. Anyone (troops, families, civilian employees) with a Presidio-related problem that cannot be solved through the chain of command can telephone or write and get action.

Dial the 24-hour phone service: L-I-N-E, or send your questions to:

Action Line
Information Office
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Trees began post ecology



A Monterey pine partially shades the tombstones in the San Francisco National Cemetery near Lincoln Boulevard.

Just a few short years ago — during the late '60's — Americans by the thousands became conscious of their environment and made ecology a vogue and a rallying point.

Forming groups, participating in clean-up campaigns, pushing for legislation to protect our natural resources and demonstrating in support of such legislation became the thing to do. It was exciting, it was a way of making a significant contribution to the world in which we live. And it was something new.

Or was it?

The U.S. Army at the Presidio had an 80-year head start on the program. The fruits of those ecology-oriented efforts are here now for all of us to enjoy.

It was in the 1880's that increasing attention was given to the improvement and beautification of the Presidio. To check the unbroken sweep of the wind across the barren spaces, wind fences were erected. A lattice fence, twelve feet high, covered with fast-growing ivy and with trees planted every eighteen feet, protected the houses along Mesa Avenue. A similar fence extended across the upper part of the parade ground.

Nearly every set of quarters and buildings had a wooden windscreen on its western side. Several varieties of

coarse grasses and earth-holding shrubs were planted on the open areas of sandy soil.

Many trees were planted around quarters, but the first well-planned and subsequently well-executed plan of reforesting the Presidio began after 1883.

Major W. A. Jones of the Department of California engineers office submitted a plan for extensive tree-planting March 26, 1883. Jones proposed to crown the three principal ridges of the Presidio with trees, keeping the valleys treeless, so that areas would appear larger than they really were and the ridges higher. Trees were to be planted to enhance views and not to obstruct them.

Under the plan, the main post was to appear as a central point in a composition of forest background overlooking extensive grassy stretches. All lesser ridges were to be tree-lined to provide windbreaks.

As a result of the original planning, 55,000 acacia, pine, cypress, and eucalyptus trees and 5,000 native redwood, spruce and madrone trees were planted during the late 1880's.

The variety has been increased over the years to provide the beauty of today's Presidio.



Like invincible soldiers, Monterey cypress trees line a Presidio pathway.

TA spreading on post

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to see that they're OK too."

TA's principals are well explained in the film series "Learning to Live" which is enjoying its third run at the post Rap Center.

The film is a workshop in itself, with a small group of individuals learning about TA along with the audience. Principals are illustrated with screen dramatizations of everyday home situations.

Presidio's own workshop is run in a similar manner except that a workbook gives the guidelines. Participants learn the principals and relate them to their own experience.

It is not sensativity session. "We had one girl who wanted it to be that. We told her that she would have to work within the TA guidelines or leave. She left," said instructor Phil Phillips.

The first group of 10 people graduated the eight-week course June 24. Another group will begin July 8. It is already filled and there are people on the waiting list as well.

The Drug and Alcohol Abuse Center

has suggested teaching TA at the company level where it could be used to improve better understanding between supervisors and workers. Large companies like Bank of America have already used such programs.

Communications Command redesignated 7th Signal

U.S. Army Communications Command CONUS, which maintains a 121-man agency here, was redesignated the 7th Signal Command and restructured as a theater signal operation effective July 1.

No changes are anticipated in the Presidio agency which runs the MARS

station, a telephone exchange and two communication centers.

Headquartered at Ft. Ritchie, Md., the 7th Signal Command employs approximately 10,000 military and civilian personnel and is dispersed through 150 locations in the United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Panama.

Suggestion wins \$1,200

An Alameda dental officer has won \$1,255 in the Civilian Personnel Office's incentive award program for suggesting the Army buy its own gold alloy for tooth work.

Captain Gary D. Morical of the U.S. Army Dental Regional Activity in Alameda saved the government some \$151,000 annually for suggesting the government buy its own alloy instead of purchasing it through a civilian contractor.

Morical's suggestion was adopted at his own facility and at Ft. Sam Houston and is being considered for use overseas. He got \$1,200 for the first \$100,000 he saved the government and \$5 for each additional \$5,000 savings.

Feeling better about ourselves

Ever wonder why some conversations seem to roll on while others stop flat? Or why, when under stress, you seem torn in different directions? Or do you just wish you could change the way you think, act and feel about yourself and others?

Transactional analysis could be for you.

Fanned by the popularity of the best seller "I'm OK — Your're OK," transactional analysis, or TA, has rapidly spread nationwide and, through the Drug and Alcohol Abuse people here, has arrived at the Presidio.

Standing room only groups crowd the Presidio's Rap Center every Friday to view an eight-part TA film series. The

post's TA workshop just graduated its first class. And there is talk of bringing TA to the troop level to improve relationships between NCOs, officers and lower enlisted men.

What is TA? It is a set of principals that allows people to look at themselves.

Despite the fancy name, TA is not complicated. "Its principals are easy to grasp — simple, straightforward and right on," says TA instructor Corky Steinberg.

The basis of transactional analysis is that we all contain three separate characters or "ego states." These ego states are the parent, adult and child.

TA categorizes all our actions and expressions in one or more of these

states. The child is emotional and usually expresses itself when we are most happy or sad.

The adult is analytical and calculating. In the adult, we look at the present and rationally decide on a course of action.

The parent ego state is most obvious when we are indignant. It is basically a set of recorded messages picked up from older people when we were young. Saying "you should do this" is the parent expressing itself.

These states should not be confused with Freud's ego, superego and id. They are much easier to understand.

For example, why do some conver-

sations just roll on? According to TA, its because two people are talking in the same ego state. The parent is not talking down to the child and the adult is not trying to rationalize with the child.

Ego state applications are endless and sometimes questionable. But most TA advocates agree that transactional analysis provides a set of tools to change themselves and the way they react with others.

"TA provides the means to better understand myself first," said Helen Gater a graduate of the post TA workshop. "Once I see I'm OK — then I can deal more effectively with others, often helping them

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MP wins post chess title

An MP staff sergeant won the post chess tournament July 1, but one of the most interesting stories at the tournament was its director.

Staff Sergeant Peter Lehnecke of the 163rd MP Detachment waltzed through his opposition on his way to a 7-1 tourney mark in his first Presidio competition.

The 32 year-old Amsterdam, Holland native won six straight games before losing his next to last match to D. Pendergast. Pendergast finished third behind Daniel Fisher.

"I was surprised that I won," said Lehnecke who is a "B" rated player with the U.S. Chess Federation. Lehnecke's win was the second of his six-year playing career.

A member of the Ross Valley Chess Club in Marin, he blamed his single loss on Pendergast's opening move, "He used an 'orangutan' opening and I wasn't ready for it."

Fisher used the same P-QN4 opening against Lehnecke in an earlier game, took control, but lost his rook in a crucial end-game situation. "He blundered it away," admitted Lehnecke.

No stranger to chess was tourna-

ment director Jeremy Silman. Silman gives chess lessons at the Rec Center every Monday and at 20 years of age is a chess "master."

Silman began playing chess when he was 12 and is now a professional. He is

champion of San Francisco, Alameda and Oakland but says the titles don't mean anything because the competition was weak.

Before a second place finish at a recent Arizona Chess Festival, Silman beat 16 players in a simultaneous chess exhibition. "It's not really that hard," says Silman. "Chess is like anything else you do all the time."

The former San Diego resident spends three to five hours a day studying chess magazines from all over the world. He studied 15 hours a day for two months

before one tournament in which 24 grand masters played. "You have to learn all the latest moves," says Silman. "If someone uses an opening you've never seen before, you're through."

Silman's chess interests began in junior high school. "It was the old revenge story. Two guys asked me to play one day



Peter Lehnecke studies the board during his third game.

and they kept beating me and laughing. After that, I let everything else drop in favor of chess."

Silman moved to San Francisco last year to get away from San Diego which he calls "a chess desert." Here he gives group and private lessons and plays five

minute tournaments in preparation for major ones.

"I'm not really happy with anything I've done so far," said Silman who is aiming for the international tour, the major leagues of chess.

SPORTS

U.S. CISM Victory

The United States, coached by Presidio sports director Hal Fischer, has won the CISM basketball in Salonika, Greece.

The U.S. team went through the 13-man team tournament with only one defeat to edge out Greece for the world military title. Favored Italy finished third.

It was the first United States CISM win since 1972. Greece handed the Yanks their only defeat, an 84-81 loss in the early rounds. The U.S. team later bounced back to defeat their hosts 100-80 and defending champion Italy by the same score.

Fischer and his team are now scheduled to give a basketball clinic in Jordan on behalf of the State Department.

Army Athletes to Russia

Four members of the U.S. Army track team were selected to participate in annual US-USSR track and field meet July 5-6 in Kiev, Russia.

Hammer throwers Bill Diehl and Bill

Shuff made the trip along with javelin thrower Bob Wallis and sprinter Louis Wilson.

After the Russian meet, the athletes are scheduled to compete in Czechoslovakia.

All four men finished among the top ten competitors in their events at the National AAU Championships at Eugene, Ore. June 21-22. Wallis placed second in the javelin. Diehl and Shuff were fifth and seventh, respectively, with the hammer and Wilson was seventh in the 200-meter dash.

They were all part of a 30-man Army track and field team that trained here through April and May for the interservice championships.

Cal-Pal Second Half Approaches

Three teams are tied for the lead as the Presidio Cal-Pal league nears the halfway point in its season.

Games July 4-6 will determine which of the three squads — the Dodgers,

Orioles or Tigers — will be first half champ. That team will play the second half champ for the league title.

In weekend action June 28-29, Arnold Simmons hurled a two-hitter as the Orioles dumped the Dodgers 12-2. The birds extended their winning streak with a 12-7 victory over the Red Sox.

The Phillies beat the first-place Tigers 14-6 and the last place Red Sox 7-6. Rusty Samana went the distance as the Dodgers beat the Astros 6-1 in nine innings. Astros pitcher Lou Harrison held the Dodgers to one run over the first eight innings, but the Dodgers tagged an Astros relief pitcher for five runs in the ninth.

In other games, the Tigers beat the Braves 14-8. The Pirates beat the Braves 8-6 and the Astros trampled the Pirates 17-3.

INTRAMURAL BOWLING (July 2)

Ft. Scott League	Wor	Lost
Letterman	17	7
Support Element #2	15	9
LAIR	15	9
864th Engineers	15	9
HHD 504th MP Batt.	14	10
Med Lab	12	12
16th Base Post Office	12	12

402nd MP Company	8	16
Garrison #2	7	17
USASA	5	19

Golf Tournament

The Sports Department is sponsoring a 36-hole Golf Tournament July 23-24 at 8 a.m. on the Presidio Golf Course. It will be open to active duty personnel assigned to the Presidio. For more information call 561-4120.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL (July 1)

Presidio League	Wor	Lost
170th MP Company	8	0
Letterman	5	1
402nd MP Company	4	2
Garrison	4	3
Western Recruiting	3	4
LAIR	3	5
Corps of Engineers	1	6
Support Element	0	7
Ft. Scott League	Wor	Lost
HHD 504th MP Batt	6	0
Armed Forces Police	5	2
864th Engineers	4	2
666th Radar Squad.	4	3
16th Base Post Office	3	3
Readiness Region IX	2	3
525th MI Group	1	6
Med Lab	0	6

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Rescue & recovery is their job

Ft. Point Coast Guard

By C. D. Steen

If you were driving along in your bright, shiny car one morning and it suddenly decided to blow a cylinder, who would you call?

Probably the nearest service station. If you were bombing around San Francisco Bay in your bright, shiny speed boat and it suddenly decided to blow a cylinder, who would you call for a tow?

Your local gas station certainly can't help, and your 27 foot craft would surely prove to be too much for the good samaritan in his eight-foot canoe. So who then?

Try the Coast Guard. Or more exactly, for boaters near the Golden Gate Bridge, try the Ft. Point Coast Guard Station.

The Ft. Point C.G., with a main function of search and rescue, keeps its 24 men and women busy assisting disabled boats, rendering first-aid, helping local fire

departments in coastline rescue missions, fighting boat fires.

When they are not doing that, there is routine maintenance to be done on the station's two 44-foot motor lifeboats, to the station house itself, and classes to attend each morning.

"Though our actual mission is search and rescue, we are mainly kept busy towing disabled boats to port," said CWO3 Jerome Koenig, commander.

"We assist around 500 boats a month, either by towing or repairing them at sea. Sometimes we have to fight a boat fire and that's where our motor lifeboats come in. Each of our two boats have fire hoses.

"This unit is responsible for saving nearly \$6 million a year in equipment (mainly boats) not to mention many lives."

The unit has another task when the occasion arises. That is the unpleasant

search for Golden Gate Bridge jumpers. Only six people have survived the 250-foot fall, according to Coast Guard sources.

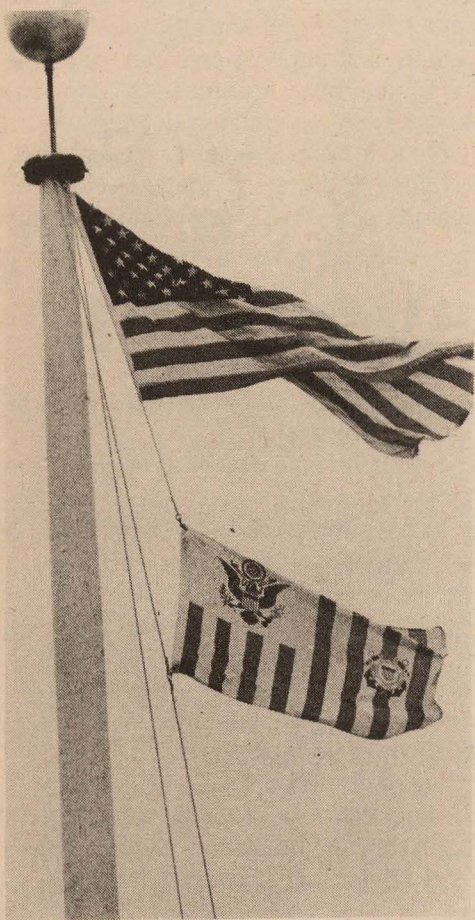
Sometimes, work for the Ft. Point Coast Guard personnel can be pleasant.

They were in the midst of the Golden Hinde II arrival celebrations. The two motor lifeboats led the replica of Sir Francis Drake's galleon into San Francisco Bay, spraying the air with long streams of water in ceremonial salute.

The men and women assigned to the Ft. Point Coast Guard station, located near the north end of Crissy Field, are all boat operators and mechanics. CWO3 Koenig is the station's only officer.

Working hours may be like any other service, but there are always at least four personnel on 24-hour standby alerts in case of an emergency. At the first sound-

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The nation's flag and the Coast Guard Ensign over the Ft. Point Station.

402nd To Arkansas Post MPs will guard refugees

By John Chambers

FORSCOM last week ordered Presidio's 504th MP Battalion to provide security guards for the Vietnamese refugee camp at Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas.

Two platoons of the 402nd MP Company are expected to leave the Presidio July 20 for Ft. Chaffee where they will remain for the next 90 days.

Initial indications are that the 504th will pull the duty for at least the next nine months or until the last refugees have departed. Another FORSCOM military police battalion may replace the 504th after its 270 duty days.

Two platoons from Ft. Carson will join the 402nd at Ft. Chaffee. Plans call for Presidio's 170th MP Company to replace their sister unit in October.

A 402nd reconnaissance team was to return Wednesday (July 9) from a four-day visit to Ft. Chaffee. The team, consisting of 402nd Company Commander Captain Floyd Davis, his operations sergeant and a platoon leader, were to tour the area to determine what administrative and logistical support the company would need.

The FORSCOM alert said the 504th was to use as much Ft. Chaffee equipment as possible, however, a battalion spokesman said that apparatus might be in questionable condition because of the mission's duration so far. A possibility exists that the 402nd will have to bring their own mess personnel and transportation.

Transportation modes between the Bay Area and Arkansas were still under consideration at press time. The company will fly down commercially or by military airlift.

A 504th operations officer said a military flight is preferred since it would

accommodate the company's equipment. He added, however, that there was some question about whether the 60th Military Air Wing at Travis Air Force Base could support the move on such short notice.

FORSCOM requested some 109 officers and men for the mission, about half of the 402nd's total strength. Among those left behind will be soldiers ready to attend schools critical to MOS advancement, those on overseas levy and eight people expecting children to be born into their immediate families during that time.

Once the 402nd leaves, the 170th will take over its duties here. Two major training exercises scheduled for the units in

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The Ft. Point Coast Guard Station entrance at the north end of Crissy Field.

Shorted power lines cause...

Spectacular Power Outage

By John Chambers

Three juveniles are under investigation in connection with a flaming power outage in the MacArthur-Quarry housing area July 7 that blew out television sets and interrupted electricity to 264 houses for more than two hours.

Military police investigators say they are trying to determine which of the three youths allegedly caused the outage by short-circuiting two high-power lines with pieces of metal tubing.

An officer handling the case said there are conflicting reports on whether the incident was intentional or accidental. He expected to have a single suspect by Friday (July 11).

The mishap occurred around 7:30 p.m. Monday and had local residents in the streets in what one fireman said "looked like a scene from an earthquake."

Reports from various agencies responding to the call give the following picture of what happened. Shortly before 7:30 p.m. a youth was seen tossing the legs of a metal TV tray toward the high

voltage lines running 30 feet above Wallen Court.

One piece of metal hung up on the neutral wire, but a second piece crossed both the neutral and positive wires, causing a short-circuit. A fire spread down the wires over Wallen Court along MacArthur Avenue and hit above a transformer.

Above the transformer, located behind a house near the intersection of MacArthur Avenue and Quarry Road, a primary power line caught fire and burned through a neutral circuit.

For the next hour and fifteen minutes more than twice the normal amount of power flowed to residences in the 700-800 housing area. Light bulbs and televisions began blowing. A fire department report lists nine television sets as either blown out or otherwise damaged.

Residents said the fire traveling along the wires "made a sound like a freight train." Most of the people in the area left their houses to see what was happening.

Within seconds, wires carrying 2,400

volts of electricity burned through the metal legs and they fell to the ground. Pieces of the burning primary line also fell to the ground and started a small grass fire which was extinguished by a local resident.

"If those TV table legs had been solid instead of tubular, the wires probably would have burned through and fell down," said Presidio Fire Captain Eugene Day who arrived on the scene with two engines and a rescue unit at 7:35. "Those live wires could have whipped around and electrocuted someone."

Calls flooded the Presidio fire department's switchboard, but the fire was out by the time the fire engines arrived.

High voltage power continued into the houses until 8:52 p.m. when a facilities engineer turned it off after another television set caught fire. Normal power returned at 9:48 p.m.

Firemen, military police, and facilities

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NOTICE:

The Golden Gate Bridge will be closed for repairs Sunday, July 13 from 3 to 4 a.m. and 5 to 6 a.m.



Ramblin' Sam

Are you going to reenlist?

Sp4 E. J. Ford, Medical Company:

"I'm undecided. I have 10 months to think about it. I like my job and my decision will depend on job offers on the outside."



Sp4 Linda Arnzen, Letterman:

"Yes. I like to travel. I re-enlisted for Korea and hope to travel all over Asia."



Sp4 Mike Adams, HQ Company, USAG:

"No. The Army as far as I'm concerned has too many double standards. Besides, there's a college degree I want to finish up."



Sp5 Thomas P. Westhelle, Letterman Personnel:

"Of course. In fact, I'm going to help others see the Army benefits. I'm reenlisting for recruiting duty."



PFC Carrion Leon, CID:

"I'm not sure yet, but I'm thinking about it seriously."



Presidio News Notes

Soldier of the Month

Sp4 John W. Gooch of Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison is Presidio Soldier of the Month for July.

NCOA Meeting

The Non-commissioned Officers Association will have a meeting Thursday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Service Club.

Puerto Rico Residents Must Re-register

Active duty Army members whose voting residences are in Puerto Rico must re-register by August 19, 1975 to be eligible to vote in future Commonwealth elections. Members wishing to register by absentee process should send a completed federal post card application for absentee ballot (FPCA, Standard Form 76) to: The Electoral Tribunal, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, P.O. Box 2208, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Applicants should enter in item six of FPCA the words "request registration form." Election officials will send the applicant a registration form which must be completed and returned in time to reach the tribunal before August 19.

Two More FORSCOM Posts

Command jurisdiction over two Army posts transferred July 1 from the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) to the U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM). The changes in command at Ft. Ord, Calif. and Ft. Polk, La. are the result of a plan announced last year by Secretary of the Army Howard H. Callaway whereby the Army is increasing its combat ready strength force. This increase in combat strength is being achieved within the congressionally established Army strength of 785,000 by using manpower spaces and funds allocated from previously announced headquarters and support activities reductions. The increase in combat capabilities began last year when new combat

brigades were activated at Ft. Polk, Ft. Ord and Ft. Stewart, Ga. At that time Forts Ord and Polk were primarily training centers, oriented toward basic and advanced individual training.

Club Entertainments

Plan to attend the "Hawaiian Luau" featuring a Polynesian-Tahitian Review at the Officer's Club Wednesday, July 16. Dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. Floor show at 9 p.m. with one show only. Buffet dinner from 7 to 9 p.m. (\$6.50 per person in the main dining room. Confirmed reservations only.)

The officer's club is planning a roundtrip to Lake Tahoe on July 19 and 20. Charges will include room, meals and transportation. Contact the club business office for details.

There is live entertainment every Friday night at the Log Cabin Annex with "Mike Brown and the Woodsman."

Short-Timer's Seminar

A "Short-Timer's Seminar" will be held July 18 at 1 p.m. in the Audio-Visual auditorium (Bldg. 603). If you are within 90 days of separation, get the facts about the civilian job market, unemployment benefits, your re-employment rights, on-the-job-training programs, Federal Civil Service jobs, re-enlistment opportunities, financial aid for further education or training, and your Veteran's benefits. To help you with your life-career planning whether you re-enlist or return to the civilian world, the Army Education Centers at Fort Scott and Letterman Army Medical Center are bringing experts from the California Employment Development Department, the Army Career Counseling Branch, the Federal Job Information Center and the Veteran's Program at San Francisco State University, to discuss alternatives for you to consider. Call extension 4030 or 3693 to reserve your seat.

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LETTERS

Dear Editor—

Obviously, Diogenes was not looking in the proper places — he should have conducted his search for an honest person at the Presidio of San Francisco. On 1 July, having completed my shopping at the PX, I stopped at the post cafeteria for a time and left there without my PX purchases. Upon my arrival home, I immediately phoned to happily learn my goodies were found and turned into the manager. My heartfelt thanks to this anonymous person and my congratulations to the Presidio personnel, military and civilian.

Travel Tips

Here are some tips from the military police if you are leaving on a trip or vacation.

1. Cancel newspapers and deliveries or arrange to have them picked up daily.
2. Arrange to have mail picked up daily.
3. Arrange for grounds to be maintained.
4. Leave an inside light burning.
5. Outside lights should be left burning only when set to cut off during day by timer.
6. Notify a responsible friend or relative that you are leaving, and where you plan to be staying.
7. Avoid publicity of your absence.
8. Leave a key with a responsible friend or relative and ask them to check your property periodically.
9. Notify the Military Police Station of your planned absence, and tell them who to contact in case of an emergency.

ACTION LINE

Q. 1. Why does the PX close so early at all branches? They are all closed before 7 p.m. 2. Why does the Army not have trailer parks on the sub-post so that more people could live on post and not have to pay the unreal rents of off-post housing?

P.A. Testart

402nd MP Company

A. 1. In accordance with paragraph 2-5, AR 60-10, the installation commander, in coordination with the AFFES commander or his designee, is charged with determining the requirements for and authorizing the establishment of activities, services and hours of operation commensurate with optimum customer service and efficiency and economy of operation. It has been determined by experience that optimum customer service is not required after 1800 hours, which would certainly influence the efficiency and economy of operation of the exchange if permitted to operate longer hours.

Mr. L. D. Bowen

Deputy Director, DPCA

2. I cannot address the trailer park situation at any other Army post except the Presidio of San Francisco. Trailer parks cannot be constructed on an Army post unless the installation shows a housing deficit in the annual family housing survey. The survey at the Presidio of San Francisco has not shown a deficit since 1968. Accordingly, trailer parks cannot be considered.

This is further compounded by the fact that the City of San Francisco does not have any trailer parks within the city limits, and the Planning Commission has indicated that it will not approve the construction of trailer parks. Even though the Presidio of San Francisco is on federal property, through an agreement with the City of San Francisco, no new construction will be approved for the Presidio of San Francisco without coordination with the San Francisco Planning Commission.

Robert W. E. Whybrew

Chief, Housing Division

The Commander's Action Line is available to help with problems or answer questions. Anyone (troops, families, civilian employees) with a Presidio-related problem that cannot be solved through the chain of command can telephone or write and get action.

Dial the 24-hour phone service: L-I-N-E, or send your questions to:

Action Line

Information Office

Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129

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New EERs . . .

Computer help, & junior & senior forms

MILPERCEN has set October of this year as the date for the implementation of two new enlisted evaluation report forms to replace the present Enlisted Efficiency Report, DA Form 2166-4.

These forms — the Enlisted Evaluation Report DA Form 2166-5, for soldiers in grades E-5 and below, and the Senior Enlisted Evaluation Report DA Form 2166-5A, for E-6s and above — will come at a time when the Army is looking to upgrade quality and provide greater equity and fairness to its personnel. The forms will be more specific in the evaluation of a soldier's duty responsibilities, and will cover a wider range of those responsibilities unique to the junior and senior enlisted grades.

The idea of the new evaluation procedures is based on the whole-person concept, which looks at all aspects of the soldier's career: His efficiency and demonstrated performance, personal actions, integrity, attitude, physical fitness and appearance, and other indicators of overall potential.

Part I, the Personal Data section of each form, will be the same for both junior and senior grades. However, entries such as date of rank, ending date of

last EER and report sequence number will be eliminated to allow a SIDPERS computer to fill in the necessary personal information.

On the senior report, Part II calls for the evaluation of the individual's specific leadership ability since most E-6s and above are called upon at some time to exercise leadership within their fields. The leadership ability evaluation will also be used to assist career managers in determining a soldier's potential for higher grades. In addition, the senior report will evaluate an individual's potential for either First Sergeant or Command Sergeant Major duty.

There will be significant improvements on both forms to give the rated soldier a fair and understandable score. The addition of an indorser's position in the rating chain will afford two independent observations of the rated soldier's work as opposed to the single evaluation that's been used since July 1970. Both the rater and the indorser will now be required to counsel the soldier as a part of the rating process. After the soldier has been rated, a reviewer will examine the report and authenticate the evaluation.

Again, the scoring system used on both forms will be open for the soldier to examine, enabling him

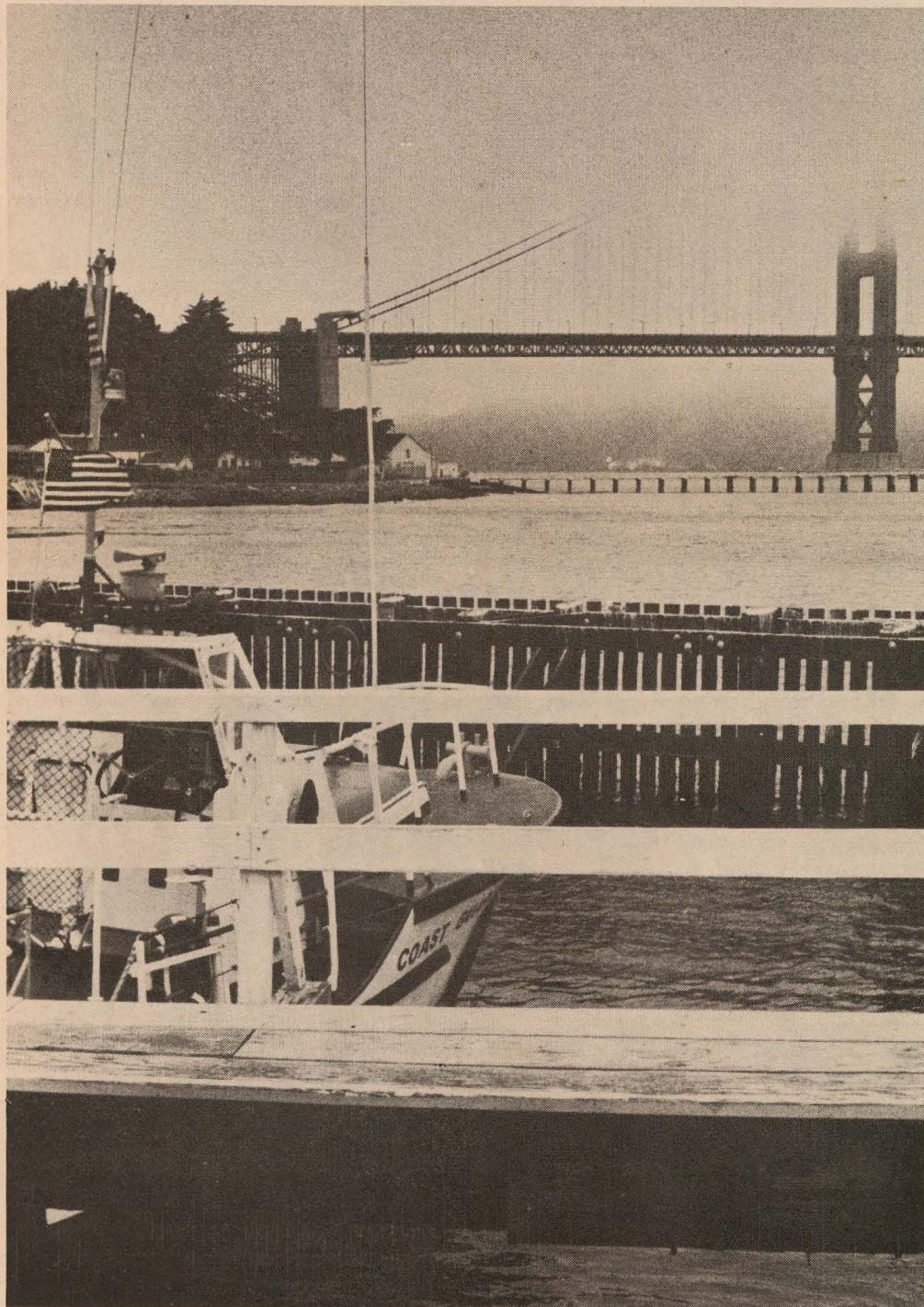
to note his favorable points as well as his shortcomings. If the soldier disagrees with any of the comments on the form, he will be able to cite that particular section objectionable to him and, as in the past, file a formal appeal through administrative channels. However, the process of rebuttal used in the current evaluation system will be eliminated once the new forms are in use.

In addition to differentiating between junior and senior enlisted personnel, the new forms were created to provide more precise and realistic report

scores. A field test of the new forms indicated the more specific questions result in a more accurate and fair rating of the soldier.

As the implementation date approaches, commanders, military personnel officers, and personnel specialists are urged to check upcoming revisions to

Chapter 8, AR 600-200, which outline the new concept of enlisted evaluation reporting. In addition, DA Pamphlet 623-1, soon to be released, will offer brief and direct instructions to raters, indorsers and reviewers for completing the new forms.



An alert boat points toward the Golden Gate Bridge.

Photos By C. D. Steen

Coast Guard

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their always ready vessel, don necessary equipment, and in a couple of minutes are rushing to the scene. It's this quickness that has saved so many lives.

Others not on 24 hour watch work their eight hours a day, doing anything from pulling maintenance on their equipment, to painting the Coast Guard Station. When their day is up, they can go home.

The Ft. Point Station has a vast area of responsibility and all its personnel must know the Bay waters inside out and backwards.

Their area is spread from the Tiburon Peninsula, around Angel Island to

Fishermen's Wharf, and out of the Bay to Pt. Reyes all the way down to Half-Moon Bay.

Ft. Point Station isn't responsible for the whole Bay, however, and coordinates its jurisdiction with a group office at Yerba Buena Island.

This Coast Guard Station has an added service.

Each month the Coast Guard auxiliary holds a meeting on boating safety at the main station. Persons wishing to learn boating skills, whether it be power or sail, can arrange a class by contacting the auxiliary at 556-5310.

DOD Policy

No homosexuality for military

(Editor's Note: In its June 27 issue, the Star Presidian ran an article comparing California's new liberalized sex law and the UCMJ. Though the California law recognizes as legal nearly every sex act between consenting adults, the UCMJ does not. This was explained in the article. However, the following Department of the Army message received here last week explains the exact DOD policy toward homosexuals and "Aberrant" sexual tendencies.)

"Department of Defense policy requires prompt separation of homosexuals. The homosexual person is considered to be unsuitable for military service and is not permitted to serve in the Armed Forces in any capacity.

"His presence in a military unit would seriously impair discipline, good order, morale and security. Further, the Department of Defense has an obligation and responsibility to provide our young men and women in the Armed Forces with the most wholesome and healthful environment possible.

"Those individuals who have established homosexual tendencies are discharged administratively as unsuitable for military service. Persons discharged

under this purview receive either an honorable or general discharge depending on the quality of their previous military service.

"Those persons who commit homosexual acts or acts of sexual perversion, when established, may be discharged as unfit for military service and receive an undesirable discharge. In addition, specific homosexual acts may be a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and, in many cases, the laws of various states.

"The unique character of the military environment, both ashore and at sea, precludes any possibility of their assimilation within a military organization under any conditions. Consequently, homosexual persons cannot be accepted into our Armed Forces and must be promptly separated when identified.

"Likewise, persons who are found unsuitable for military service because of homosexual or other aberrant tendencies are not accepted into or are discharged from the military service, as appropriate.

"This policy is considered to be absolutely essential to the effectiveness of our Armed Forces and to the morale and welfare of the members."

Garrison guards to trade. . .

Shotguns For M-16s

Some guards at the central magazine here will soon be equipped with 12-gauge shotguns to ward off potential intruders.

Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison has ordered six pump-action shotguns for the guards they provide to the magazine.

The guns, which are authorized under a FORSCOM REGULATION, WILL REPLACE THE M-16s the soldiers now carry and are expected to be safer and more effective in the partially isolated magazine area.

Garrison guards will begin carrying the weapons in mid-August as soon as they complete a block of instruction on shotgun use. Some 125 company members in grades E-1 through E-5 will undergo the familiarization given by an NCO

from the 504th MP Battalion, Presidio MPs undergo similar courses in their own training.

"We got the shotguns for two reasons," said Garrison executive officer Lieutenant Stephen Simonton. "First, there are a lot of houses in that area and somebody could get hurt with a rifle that fires 470 yards. With that muzzle velocity, a bullet could bounce off anything and go anywhere. The shotguns have a much shorter range.

"Secondly, the odds of a guard hitting anything with an M-16 in a wooded area like that are not good. What they need is a little margin of error."

Garrison splits guard duty at the magazine with the 864th Engineer Battalion.

Power Line Deaths & Injuries

Electrical power lines have killed at least two people here in the last 12 years

and critically injured several others the Presidio Fire Department said this week.

The most vivid incident occurred on Nov. 24, 1963 when two six year-old twins were critically injured after a drooping

power line they were swinging on broke. Their grandmother, who saw the incident

Power Outage

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engineers made house to house checks of the area to determine what damage had resulted from the short-circuit.

If one of the three suspects involved in the case is found guilty of intentionally shorting the wires, his sponsors will have to pay for the resulting damage. No accurate estimates were available on the damage costs.

from a nearby house, suffered a heart attack.

According to a nine year-old witness, the two girls, Lou and Sue Jauch, were severely burned when they jumped to a sagging power line at 958 Lincoln Boulevard. The line snapped when they caught it after leaping together from a small embankment.

Fire units arriving at the scene said one girl's fingers were burned off and the other was hit straight in the forehead by an end of the whipping high-voltage line. Firemen found the grandmother 15 minutes later while combing the area for witnesses.

No records are available at Letterman Hospital telling what finally happened to the three victims.

Within the next several years, high voltage lines claimed the lives of two Presidio servicemen. One man died while attempting to saw through lines in a Ft. Cronkhite bunker. He apparently thought

the lines were dead and was trying to remove the cable.

Other incidences have occurred more recently and most are due to a combination of carelessness and ignorance, Presidio firemen say.

The fire department here annually responds to about 30 calls for downed wires. Every call is treated as an emergency.

"We have a special problem with downed lines at the Presidio because there are so many trees on post," says Presidio fire captain Eugene Day. "Downed lines should be reported immediately.

"People often assume that a downed line is a telephone cable or that it is just dead. It doesn't have to be sparking to be alive. A lot of them lie dormant for a while but are capable of whipping around at any time or of shooting electricity 10 feet on a wet surface."

402nd to Arkansas

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September and October have been cancelled.

According to a battalion officer, the 402nd was given the first shift at Ft. Chaffee because it recently underwent movement training in an airlift exercise to Ft. Irwin, Calif. In the Chaffee operation, they will have to move two 49-man platoons plus a headquarters contingent.

The unit currently guarding the refugee camp has been on the job since the operation began, according to the 504th officer. FORSCOM, which is tasked with providing security there, is now going to other installations in its command for replacement units.

The 504th units will patrol the refugee camp to protect the Vietnamese from outside intruders and to keep them from wandering off.

Chaffee accommodations for the military police were described as "Minimal billeting but not substandard." Under present plans, the MPs will also receive "minimal" TDY payments.

CHAMPUS . . .

Know it before you need it

Dependents of active duty, retired or deceased military personnel contemplating cost-sharing benefits for civilian medical treatment through CHAMPUS (Civilian Health and Medical Program for the Uniformed Services) should familiarize themselves with the program before its services are required.

According to Mrs. Helga Anderson Swancy, CHAMPUS Advisor for the Sixth Army region, too many patients or their sponsors have not reviewed the program's eligibility requirements, conditions of participating providers or authorized benefits. As a result they became responsible for medical debts they thought were covered by CHAMPUS.

"Failure to obtain non-availability statements for in-patient or prenatal care received off post is a problem," said Mrs. Anderson.

"Dependents needing in-patient or prenatal treatment who reside with active duty members must use Uniformed Services facilities when the facilities are within 30 miles of their residence and capable of administering the care." This also applies to dependents living on base whose spouse is on sea duty.

Non-availability statements, (DD Form 1251), are required when inpatient or pre-natal care must be provided by a civilian physician or facility. If not, patient or sponsor may become liable for full

payment of medical costs.

However, non-availability statements do not apply while away from home on a trip, in an emergency situation or to retirees.

Dependents must understand that participation in CHAMPUS by private physicians and facilities is entirely voluntary and limited to certain health care professionals. Among those not recognized are Chiropractic and Acupuncture services.

Authorized providers of care participating in the program must agree to accept, as full payment of their claims, the patient's and Government's shares of a reasonable fee determined by the CHAMPUS paying office.

Beneficiaries must be aware of the risk when choosing non-participating providers.

If providers decline to participate in the CHAMPUS program and the beneficiary still wants their services, the beneficiaries must assume the full cost of care, submit claims for reimbursement and may pay more than if they used a participating provider.

For further information and answers to questions concerning the CHAMPUS program, contact Mrs. Anderson, extensions 4923/4822 at Letterman Army Medical Center.



Photo By SSgt. Maurice Frizzell

Bible School

Presidio dependents view a giant-sized "God Is Love" poster during the Vacation Bible School which ended July 3 at the Religious Activities Center. The 10-day class gave Presidio children religious education and a break from summer boredom. Mrs. Margaret Silvernail explains the poster to her class.

Sergeant Major Selection Board

to

Convene

Hq, U.S. ARMY FORCES COMMAND (FORSCOM), Ft. McPherson, GA — A selection board will convene on July 23 to select approximately 130 students for enrollment in the FY 77 US Army Sergeants Major Academy Nonresident Program.

Officials state that only those master sergeants interested in attending the nonresident course need apply. The selection board automatically will consider all eligible NCOs for resident course attendance.

New Retirement Date

August 15 is the new deadline for retirement applications, according to a MILPERCEN message released last week.

The new deadline stems from recent House/Senate discussion on the defense appropriations bill which contains a modified amendment on the retired pay inversion situation.

Basically, the modified amendment on the retired pay inversion, if enacted into law, will allow potential retirees to remain on active duty longer without loss in retired pay.

Since the final decision on this amendment will affect the decision of some personnel regarding applications for retirement, a 60-day submission lead

time specified in AR 635-100 (officers) and AR 635-200 (enlisted) is waived through Aug. 15, 1975.

All requests for waiver must be received by the retirement approval authority no later than Aug. 15. Requests will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.

Individuals requesting a waiver should be aware that orders may not be issued until Aug. 31, 1975 and personal inconveniences may occur particularly for members stationed overseas.

Delayed processing beyond Aug. 31 will not effect the Sep. 1 retirement date and members will still be able to avoid the additional decrease in retired pay caused by the next scheduled pay raise.

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No change in Army despite...

New Pot Law

By John Chambers

Post law officials warned last week that the new California law liberalizing penalties for marijuana possession will not effect enforcement of the Uniform Code of Military Justice here.

California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. signed a controversial pot bill into law July 8 that will make possession of up to one ounce of marijuana a misdemeanor in California punishable by a maximum \$100 fine. The bill takes effect New Year's Day.

Under the old state law, which is still in effect, marijuana possession is punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment and a heavy fine.

The law, sponsored by state Senator George Moscone (D-San Francisco), makes possession of more than one ounce a misdemeanor punishable by a \$500 fine and six months in jail. It further removes criminal penalties for possession of devices used to smoke marijuana

or for being where it is smoked and provides for an expunging of recorded convictions after two years.

Selling marijuana, possessing it for sale or cultivating it remain felonies.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice, which classifies all marijuana offenses under Article 134, provides for a maximum punishment of Dishonorable Discharge, confinement at hard labor for five years and forfeiture of all pay and allowances upon conviction.

However, statistics show that most marijuana litigation at the Presidio is handled non-judicially with Article 15s at the company level where penalties are less severe.

Since January 1974, 20 soldiers have been apprehended for possession of marijuana on the Presidio. Eleven were punished with Article 15s and one by special court-martial.

The Article 15 punishments ranged from a \$25 fine to a two-grade reduction from PFC to E-1. The court-martial resulted in a one grade reduction and a \$250 fine.

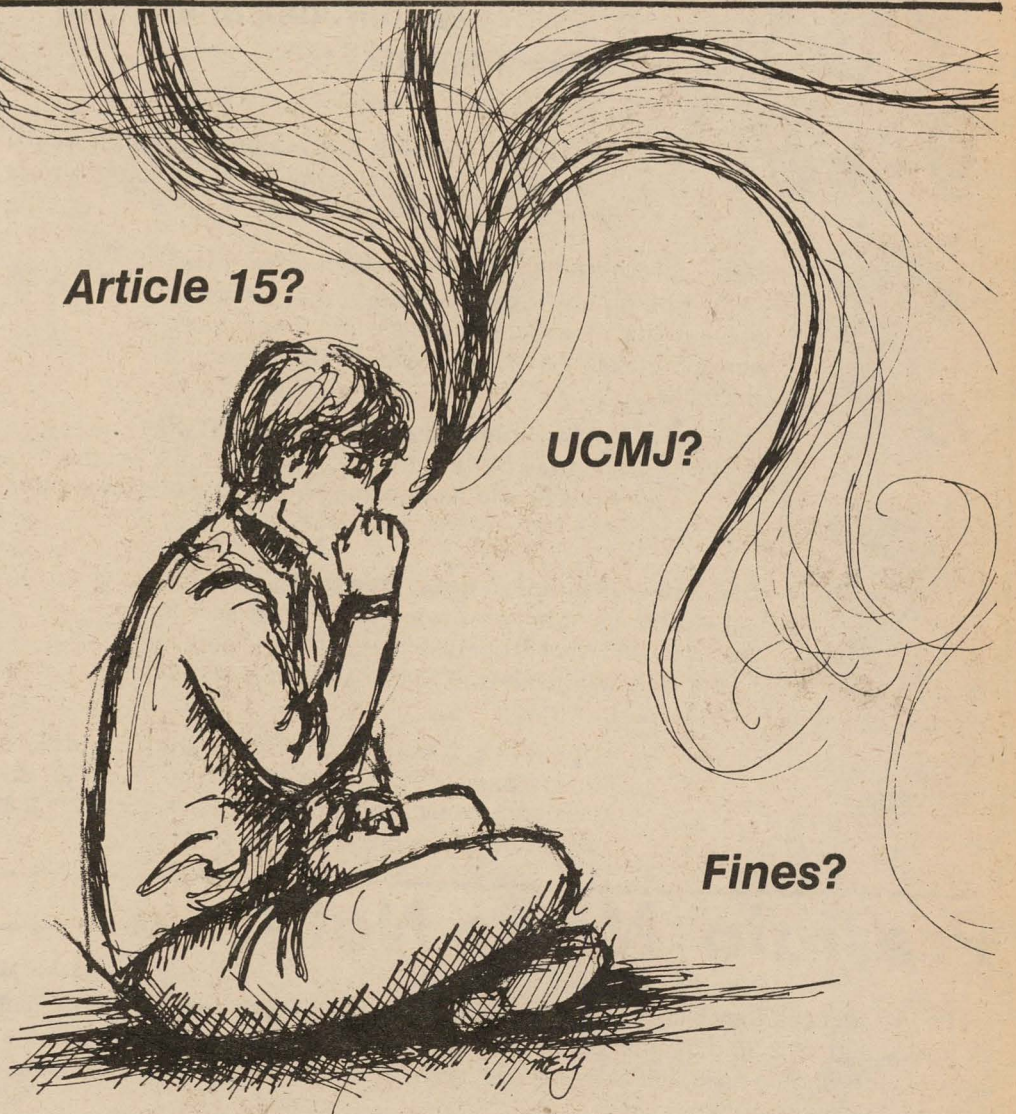
Convictions by a courts-martial puts an indelible mark on the soldier's record. Article 15 action and letters of reprimand are removed upon discharge.

Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Captain Benjamin Reese, believes Presidio's accessibility to San Francisco is, in part, responsible for the relatively low number of marijuana violations here. "There's no reason for a soldier to smoke on post with

Article 15?

UCMJ?

Fines?



ACS 10th Birthday

Army Community Services will hold an open house July 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. to celebrate the tenth anniversary of ACS. The celebration will take place in Building 913 and is open to the public.

the city so close by," said Reese. "However, law enforcement authorities here do not look the other way," he cautioned.

Although the UCMJ provides tremendous flexibility in the prosecution of marijuana cases, Capt. Reese warned that this should keep a soldier on his toes. "Possession of a large quantity or repeat offenders may very likely result in court-martial. Additionally, it should be noted that Federal law enforcement authorities

have jurisdiction to prosecute offenders, particularly those involved in possession, or sale of large quantities of marijuana.

Central to every marijuana "bust" is proof of possession. Military lawyers contend that a person is in possession if he or she knowingly has "access to or exercises dominion and control over the contraband. This means a suspect need not be smoking at the time of arrest.

San Francisco USO

Fewer troops but entertainment remains

By C. D. Steen

The Navy may have San Francisco's best kept secret on where to go for fun and relaxation.

That place is the Market Street USO.

Once overflowing with GIs of all services, the San Francisco USO has shrunk in size and number of servicemen visiting it.

"It's almost all Navy personnel who come here now," said Mrs. Marjorie D. Sheffield, executive director, Bay area USO. "We get around 5000 visits a month, compared to around 30 to 50,000 some years ago. I guess the shrinkage is due to the cutbacks in troop strengths and our discontinuance of the Vietnam war."

The 16-year veteran of USO service directs the Oakland and San Francisco Airport USOs also. She said that Navy men and women taking liberty from their

ships come in to play ping-pong, pin-ball machines, chess, and cards. Others just like to read or talk with their friends or some of the many volunteers who help operate the USO.

"A lot are just kids, away from home, maybe for the first time," said the tall, thin, grey-haired lady. "They learn fast that a USO, wherever they go, is a little like home. If they have no friends of their own,

they make friends with the staff who are

always there to listen and talk. That's what a lot of GI's want to do — just have someone to talk to."

Today, though smaller in size and staff, the Market Street USO has many things to offer all service members and sends out welcomes to all dependents as well.

"Besides things to do in the USO, there's so much we can offer a serviceman and his family outside," said assistant director Angela Nardo. "We can get

tickets to ball games, Marine World—Africa USA, theaters, make reservations and get reduced rates at hotels and motels, or supply information to other attractions. We even arrange tours of the city, skiing trips, or boating trips down the Sacramento River. We usually have something new planned every month."

Ms. Nardo mentioned that there are military wives programs for get-togethers and things to do.

The assistant director also mentioned plans of a twice-monthly smorgasbord-

like arrangement at the USO where military members, for \$1.25 can make their own meat sandwiches and eat all they want.

"It just may attract more servicemen and women than MacDonalds down the

street," said Ms. Nardo with a smile.

"We're not in the most accessible area in San Francisco and getting to it might be a problem," said Mrs. Sheffield. "The best way is by bus, either Greyhound or the ones that leave from right out of the Presidio. You can come by car, of course, if you don't mind paying parking fees. After 5 p.m. there's parking in back and you don't have to pay at all."

"Once arrived at the 1019 Market

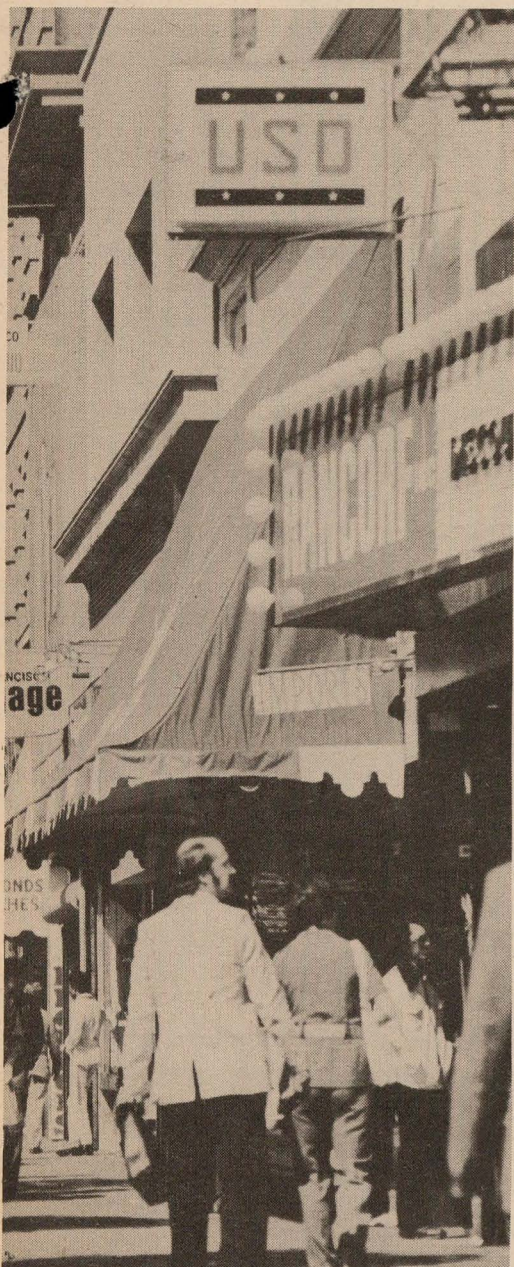
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Chaffee Tour Three Months

Reports that the 504th MP Battalion will guard the refugee camp at Ft. Chaffee, Ark. for nine months were retracted last week.

Battalion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Dana Kierstead said the unit has a ninety day commitment "and that's all at this time." It will end with the return of the 402nd MP Company in October.

The 402nd will leave for Ft. Chaffee July 20, where it will be responsible for providing security to some 20,000 Vietnamese refugees.



The USO sign competes for recognition among hundreds on Market Street.



Ramblin' Sam

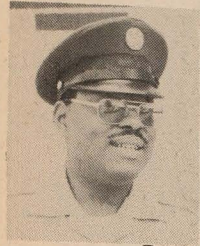
"What is your idea of an ideal assignment?"

SFC Daniel Gee, 6th Army support branch: "Right here at the Presidio. It's my home town, and I can't think of a better place I'd rather be."



SMaj. John Randle, 6th Army chaplain's office:

"Any geological location where there's good weather, that meaning where it's warm. I would also want to be assigned where the job is challenging and innovative."



Sp4 Jkolm Alston, personnel: "It would have to be Hawaii. All the things I love such as weather, the ocean and its beaches, and just the islands themselves, are there."



Sp4 Xavier Rodriguez, cook, Hqs USAG: "I finally got it, and it's right here. I've always been sent to places I didn't want to go. I like my job and the people I work with. My home is in San Jose so it is doubly nice."



Cpt. Niel E. Nielsen, I.G. office: "Any job and place that is particularly challenging to me. Such an assignment would enhance my professionalism and career development."



Presidio News Notes

Blood Drive

The Presidio quarterly blood drive will be held July 24 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the old PX #1 (Bldg. 385). Donors should park their cars in the lot across from the building, not behind it.

USO Children's Day

Friday, July 25, is Children's Day at the San Francisco USO at 1019 Market St. This will be a fun time for parents, kids and singles (who are urged to bring a friend's child). The program will include a free spaghetti dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Disney cartoons from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; pool and ping-pong tournaments and a pinata and children's games at 7:30 p.m.; and ice cream and cookies at 8 p.m. Call the USO at 621-0630 if you plan to attend. Deadline for reservations is July 22.

Officers' Club

Officers' Club band auditions will be held Thursday, July 22, in the Attic Lounge. Come from 5 to 8 p.m.

Alcatraz Tour

The San Francisco USO is again scheduling the popular Alcatraz tour and is now taking reservations. The tour is planned for Saturday, July 26, at 12:30 p.m. and costs \$2 per person. Reservations can be made by calling 621-0630.

Star Presidian's "Soldier of the Month" Policy

Some question arose last week concerning how much publicity the Star Presidian will give to each soldier of the month. We no longer intend to run a large story with photo on every one. Instead, the paper will print a smaller photo with a caption identifying the soldier of the month and his unit.

Voting Officer

Captain Joyce Pennington is the new post voting assistance officer.

Hamilton Housing

Hamilton family housing area and support facilities will remain even though the base was declared excess last week by the House Armed Services Committee.

Facilities remaining to provide services to the family housing area will be all post exchange and commissary facilities. Also, all personnel support activities such as chapel, theater and swimming pool will remain intact.

The House committee took its action at the request of the Department of Defense which had asked that Hamilton be declared excess last October.

Preretirement Counseling Session To Be Held

The biannual preretirement counseling session will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesday July 23 at Harmon Hall, Bldg. 649. The counseling session is open to all military personnel who plan to retire during the period July 31 to January 31, 1976.

Representatives from several pertinent agencies will provide individual and small group counseling at the meeting. The agencies include: Veterans Administration, Social Security, California Employment Development Department, Civil Service Commission, Post Transportation (Household Goods Branch), Oakland Army Base Personnel Center, Staff Judge Advocate and many others.

Counselors will provide information and publications referring to benefits available to retired service members and civilian employment opportunities available to the retiree. The counseling program is designed to assist retired military personnel in making a smooth and successful transition into civilian life. Wives are encouraged to attend.

Further information can be obtained from the Retirement Services Office, (Building 913), telephone number 561-3183.

CAR POOL

Bernice Williams. Glenwood-Oaklawn area of West Lake in Daly City. Will share ride expenses or join car pool. Phone 2108 or 2109.

Driver wanted for established car pool to and from Presidio. Petaluma or Santa Rosa area. Call C. Spencer Johnson at 2336 or 2405.

Eleanor Toomey. Cupertino. Will join car pool or ride and share expenses. Telephone 3870.

Frances Jamieson. 24th Avenue and Lake Street, S.F. to Ft. Baker. Will share expenses. Telephone: 751-7413 (after 6 p.m.).

Margaret Lyons. 900 block, Key Avenue, Bayview District, San Francisco. Will join car pool or share ride and expenses. Phone 5545.

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd., Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518, (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg. 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing carpool.

SP5 Eugenia Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland, telephone: 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

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Congrats

Congratulations go to the 33 people who graduated from their ACB/High School classes July 10.

Receiving Army Classification Battery prep program certificates of completion were: PV2 Chul Chang, SP4 Norman Davis, SSG Rudy Enriquez, E-7 Rogelio Esponilla, E-4 John Hammond, E-4 Willie Jones, PFC James McCrory, E-6 Bayani Martinez, E-6 Daniel Martinez, PV2 Stephen Mueller, E-7 Teddie Osborne, E-4 Robert Payne, E-4 Ronald Riley, E-4 Randy Rushing, PFC Willie Taylor, E-4 Jerry Vieira, and Sgt. James Wood. This class had the highest GT point average increase (27 points) in the history of the program.

High school diplomas went to: PFC Richard Abston, PFC Ruben Chacon, PV2 Russell Crawford, Mr. David Dolder, Miss Beverly Doney, E-2 Douglas Fessler, PFC Ronnie Fryday, PV1 Ronald Hicks, Mrs. Katherine Horton, PV2 Roger Malone, E-4 Jerry Nalls, PFC Craig Rawson, PFC Paul Shepherd, E-2 Juan Stewart, and E-3 William Ward. PFC Keith Good was recognized for applying for a state high school equivalency certificate.

Travel Tips

Common sense is, and always has been, the soldier's best guide to catching a cab in the big city. Unfortunately, common sense doesn't always prevail and what starts as a pleasant ride may end as a harrowing experience as two Sixth Army Support Element soldiers found out.

"I picked what I thought was a decent looking cab from the Greyhound station one night, but as I was paying the driver in front of the barracks he pulled a gun and took my wallet. I lost 200 dollars, recalls one unhappy E-4.

A sergeant first class had a similar experience he'll not soon forget as he returned to the barracks late one night.

"After I paid the driver, the guy in the passenger's seat got out like he was going to open my door, only he got in and started to work me over. He grabbed a gold chain necklace I was wearing and as he pushed me out the door he pulled off my watch." The sergeant was luckier than the specialist. His wallet was left intact.

Another problem experienced by these soldiers and others is having cab drivers go miles out of their way to reach a destination.

What can be done about these problems? There aren't any hard and fast rules, just some practical tips to consider.

For instance, watch out for independent cabs. Try and choose one from a larger, well known company. Make note of the name and number of the cab before getting in, and make sure you're the only passenger. Catch a cab in a well lighted, heavily traveled area.

In order to help alleviate being driven far out of your way, it helps if you know where you're going and how to get there, even if you have to look at a map beforehand. Be sure and let the driver know this.

Above all, report incidents to the proper authorities if they occur.

ACTION LINE

Q. Can anything be done about the road leading out of the tunnel over in Ft. Barry? We seem to have a great deal of trouble with cars speeding through this area, endangering our children. Connie Haynes.

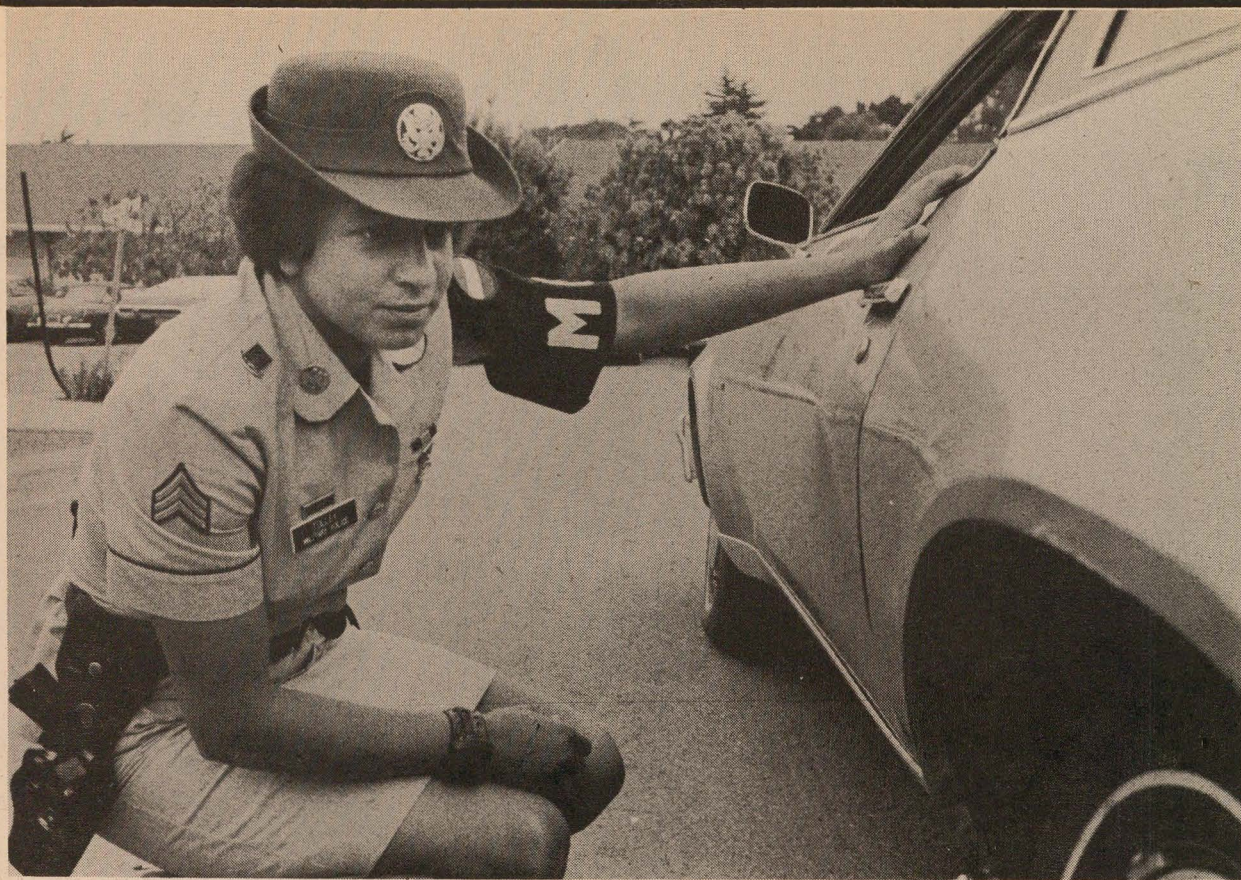
A. MPs have been instructed to closely monitor traffic leading out of the Baker-Barry tunnel. In addition, traffic investigation teams have been instructed to periodically monitor traffic in that area using radar. Park police were contacted and their assistance has been requested.

Mr. L. D. Bowen
Deputy Director, DPCA

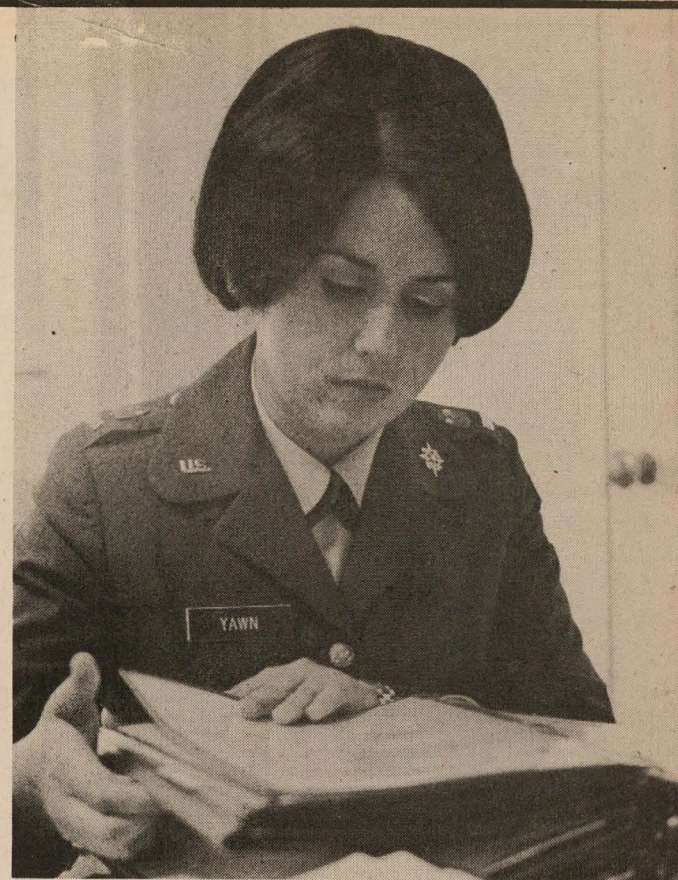
The Commander's Action Line is available to help with problems or answer questions. Anyone (troops, families, civilian employees) with a Presidio-related problem that cannot be solved through the chain of command can telephone or write and get action.

Dial the 24-hour phone service: L-I-N-E, or send your questions to:

**Action Line
Information Office
Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129**



During her patrol, Sgt. Linda Tolley inspects a car for damage.



Photos By C. D. Steen

Second Lieutenant Martha Yawn, who was the post's third female staff duty officer, checks special orders prior to assuming duties.

For Presidio women, at least...

Times ARE Changing

Presidio women erased two sexual boundaries last week as they performed previously all-male duties at post headquarters and the military police battalion.

Captain Joyce Pennington, on July 10 became the first female staff duty officer

and five days later the 504th MPs had their first lady patrol supervisor, Sergeant Linda Tolley.

Presidio female officers filled the staff duty slot three times in the following week.

"We've been fighting to get this duty for

two years," said Lieutenant Doan Lusk who was the second female staff duty officer.

Other women going on the roster were more philosophical. "I hated to see men pulling the duty all the time, but I really

wasn't complaining when we weren't," said one.

During her day-long shift, Sgt. Tolley had to inspect the guard mount and check MP patrols to make sure everything ran smoothly.

"I'm really glad I was selected as patrol supervisor," said Tolley, "but I think I was chosen on my abilities as a person, not just because I'm a woman."

Civilian Credit

A program to provide Department of Labor registration of selected Army jobs as apprenticeship programs was signed July 9 by Labor Secretary John T. Dunlop and acting Secretary of the Army Norman Augustine.

The program will make it possible for soldiers to receive official apprenticeship recognition equal to their civilian counterparts.

The Corps of Engineers will be the first registered with the Labor Department.

An Army engineer plumber, for example, may earn skill credentials recognized and accepted by a union plumbing firm.

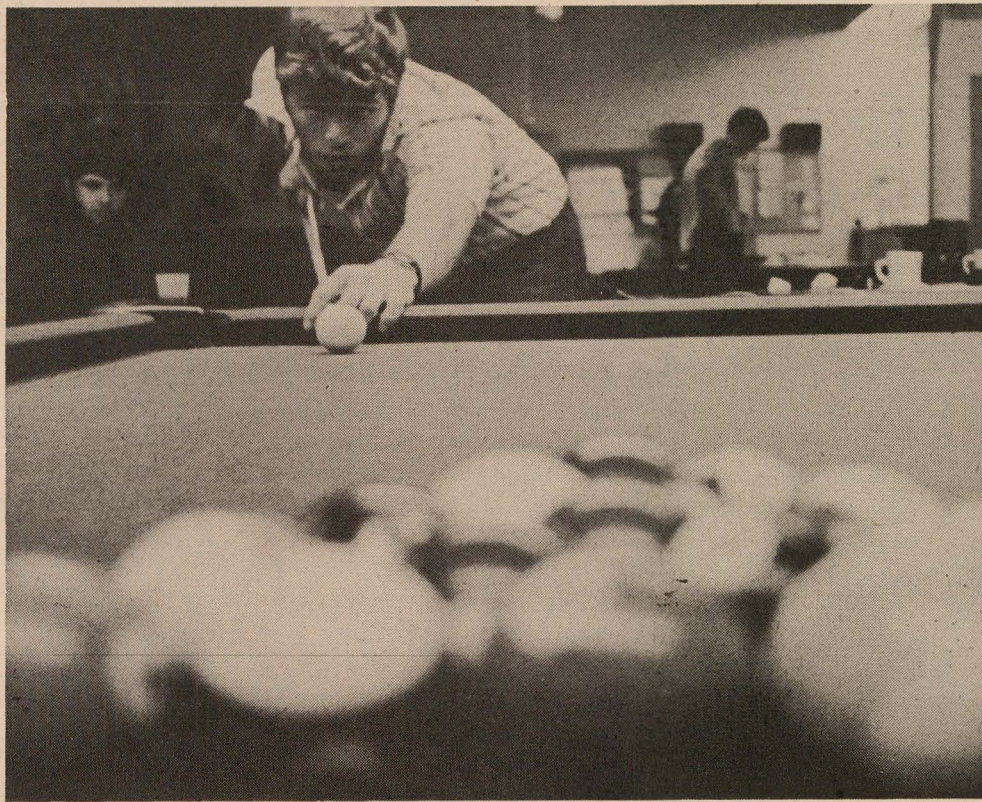
Advisory committees will be formed at the national and local levels to advise and assist the Army and appropriate commanders in the administration of national standards. Registration of apprenticeship programs will be submitted through the Department of the Army to the Department of Labor for approval.

To be eligible for the voluntary apprenticeship program, a soldier must be 17 years or more, on active duty, meet the physical, educational and aptitude requirements for the particular occupational specialty and be serving in a military occupational specialty for which there is a registered apprenticeship program.

No Army training program will be altered solely to meet civilian apprentice standards. No membership in either labor unions or professional unions will be required.

No program at 864th

No contact has been made between the Department of the Army and the 864th Engineers concerning the new military apprenticeship program announced last week in Washington.



A sailor takes aim on one of the pool tables at the USO.

San Francisco USO

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Street address, it may even be hard to locate our front door," continued Mrs. Sheffield.

"A few years ago we had the whole front of a building and nobody could help but find us. But when the United Way Organization, our largest means of funding, cut our budget, we had to give up some of our rented space. Now there is just a sign high over the door, competing with hundreds of others for recognition. A pants store now operates where once hundreds of servicemen crammed."

If you want more information on what is available at the USO, call 621-0630. The Navy's best kept secret should be enjoyed by -"

DA hopes new system will preserve...

Commissary Savings

Department of the Army last week announced plans for a centralized system that is expected to hold down commissary prices in the face of threatened Congressional fund cutbacks.

Based largely on computers, the proposed system will eliminate store administrative staffs on the post level and establish regional offices nationwide.

DA expects customer savings to average about 15 per cent under the new system even if the commissaries become self-supporting in October 1976. DOD currently estimates customer savings to be 21 per cent.

Changeover to the new system is planned to begin Jan. 30, 1976 when the field-office for the Northeast United States opens. It should be completed by Oct. 1, 1976.

Current planning envisions that a central management agency located at Ft. Lee, Va. will control all Army commissaries. Installation admin staffs would be eliminated as well as those within commands such as FORSCOM.

Those staffs would be consolidated into five regional offices in the U.S. resulting in a great manpower savings. Local commissaries would report to their regional office by computer and the regional office to Ft. Lee.

The Army's plan, which is expected to save millions of dollars, coincides with a recent DOD directive. The DOD panel considered five ways of handling the commissary funding problem. Proposals ranged from staying with the present system to operating on a government-owned, contractor operated basis.

The panel recommended that each service, except for the Marine Corps, operate its own centralized commissary system because it would have the least effect on customer and commissary personnel.

Commissaries are now operated under major and installation commanders with policy guidelines from DA.

The Defense panel also recommended seeking several legislative changes which included allowance of variable pricing, hiring part-time employees and exclusion of commissary workers from the Army's year-end strength allowances.

DA feels part of the new system's success will depend on whether customers realize they are saving by shopping at commissaries. They say if commissary patrons decide to shop commercial stores, commissary prices will rise and customer savings will decrease.

Over 3,000 will come here for. . .

Reserve Training

Summertime, and the living is easy. Well, it is for most people.

But for a lot of Army reservists, summer means packing the old duffle bag and heading for an Army post for two weeks

annual training.

The Presidio of San Francisco is the summer site for many reservists in the western states, and over 3,500 soldiers will have converged here by October.

From as far as Denver, to as close as San Francisco itself, elements from military police organizations, Army hospitals, military finance companies, and special

war activity units, have come, gone, and are still coming to enhance their military specialties with host companies at the Presidio.

Most of the large units with combative backgrounds, such as military police or engineers, come in convoys or fly commercial when the element contains just a few people. Some drive private or gov-

ernment cars.

After arriving, the soldiers, who may hold the rank of private to general, are billeted here on the Presidio or at Ft. Cronkite.

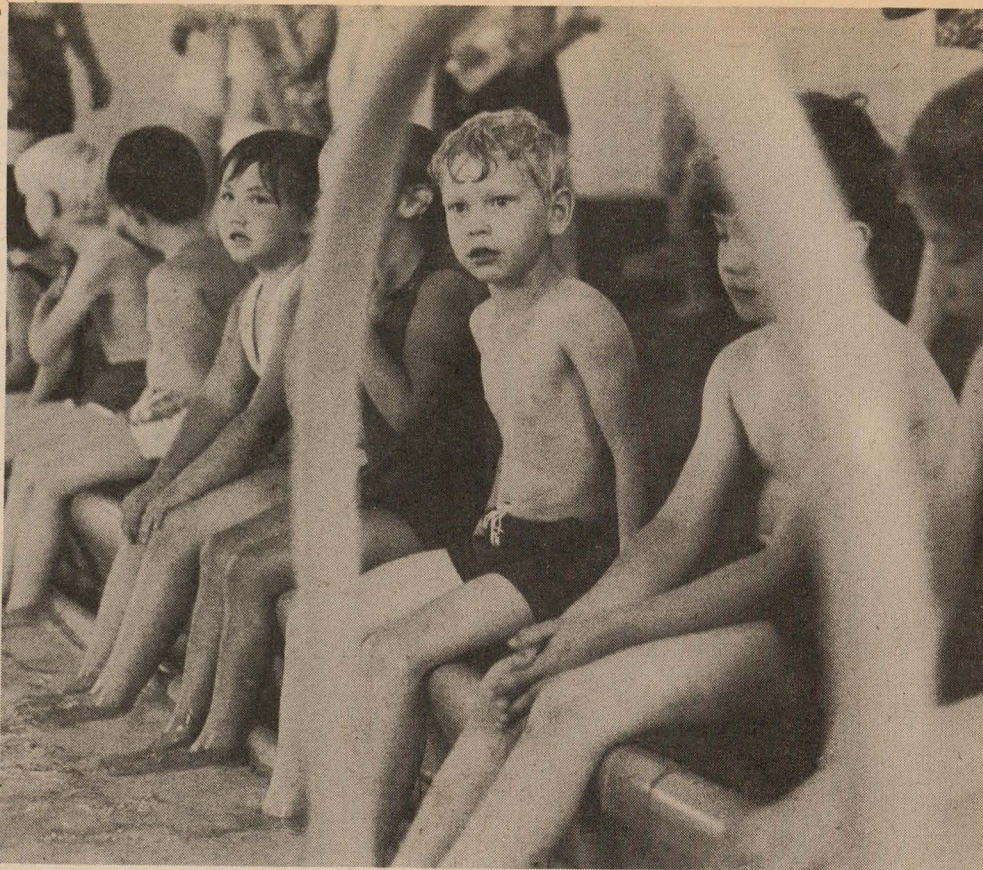
Depending upon their jobs, the men and women reservists are usually as-

signed to work with regular Army units at Presidio. They are not, however, assigned directly to the regular units, and operate on their own.

While reservists are here, they don't just do a day's work throughout their stay, and go home with nothing more accomplished. Units and individual persons are evaluated by the organizations they work

with, to prove job proficiency. This keeps the reservists up on all that is expected of them while serving on active duty.

Most of the reservists assigned here are units from military police organizations and medical corps personnel, with the medical people working at Letterman Army Hospital.



Swimming Class

An attentive youngster waits for the beginning of a Red Cross swimming class at Letterman swimming pool. Some 230 youngsters, mostly age six to nine, registered for the six-week course which began last week and runs through August.

Soap Box Derby Champ

Presidio boy headed for Akron title

By Ron Renouf

For 15-year-old Kyle Collins, son of Maj. and Mrs. Davis Collins here, last Sunday afternoon was the culmination of five long years of sweat, disappointment, frustration.

It ended in victory and Kyle Collins has a shot at the National Soap Box Derby Championship next month in Akron, Ohio.

Kyle's day of racing last Sunday at Vallejo started off in anything but winning form. He lost his first race of the day in the double elimination event. But revenge would come later.

After working his way up through the loser's bracket he again faced the driver from San Jose who had beaten him earlier. His adversary was undefeated, having gone through the winners bracket sweeping all comers aside.

However, this tyme, Kyle was not to be denied. Following his first round loss, he had made minor adjustments on his racer to tighten up a loose suspension system in the front end. It was all that was needed as he swept over the finish line to stay alive.

In the third and final race that should have settled the championship, it was not to be as the two cars flashed across the white stripe in a dead heat, forcing still

another battle between the two top cars.

Finally, after losing three of the last four years, Kyle Collins piloted the winner, capturing the Vallejo City Championship and earning the right, along with three other cars from the State of California, to join an expected field of 130 in Akron for the National Soapbox Derby Finals, August 16.

According to the driving champion's father, it was really a community victory. "Everywhere we went for help, it was given. People worked over their lunch hours, after duty at night, just to help get the various materials that we needed," he stated.

Kyle and his father expect to leave for Akron August 10 on an all-expense paid trip for two—one of Kyle's prizes for winning at Vallejo.

Upon their arrival in Akron, they will be met and driven via an open convertible through the city to the welcoming ceremonies that are planned honoring each driver as he or she arrives.

The youngsters, all between the ages of 11 and 15, will spend the week in Derby Town—a camp area set aside for the various district winners. In addition to the many public appearances that they will be called upon to make, numerous activities

such as swimming, horseback riding, hiking, and various athletic events will occupy their time prior to the beginning of the time trials.

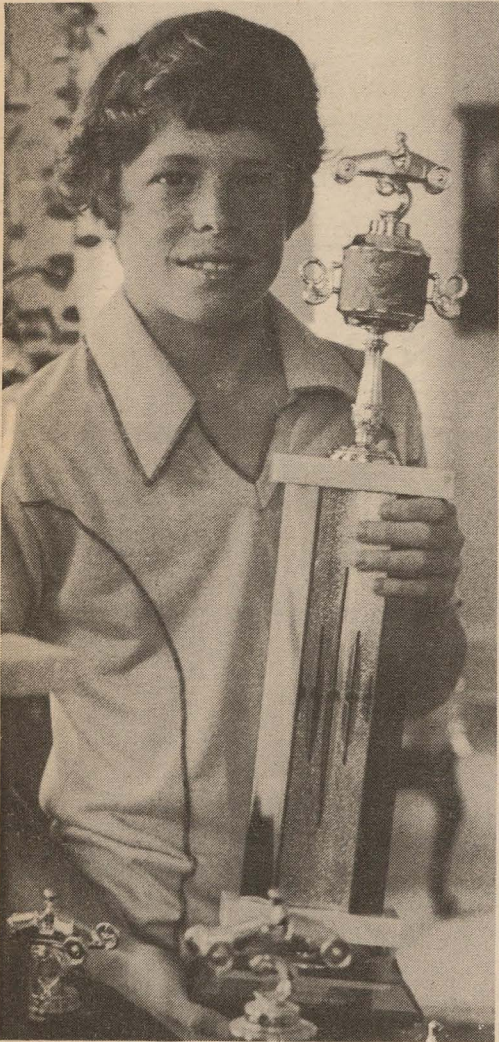
Kyle's speedster, the 'Kyle-8' (the number was assigned by the racing commission and the name is his) was impounded at Vallejo after his victory to guard against any tampering with the race car. The next time Kyle sees it will be just prior to the beginning of the time trials at Akron.

He will be given a new set of wheels for each race he competes in. The set will be perfectly matched by a computer to guarantee that no competitor receives an unfair advantage through 'doctor' wheels.

This is Kyle's final year on the Soap Box Derby circuit. He has reached the top of the age limit, 15; and as a city champion, he is ineligible to enter the annual classic again.

And in this, his final year of competition, Kyle Collins has a shot at all of the marbles. Four long years of frustration and hard work are at an end. He has finally made it to the big time on the Soap Box Derby circuit.

The National finals, the thrill of chasing the racing title and a shot at the \$3,000 scholarship that the title carries.



Kyle Collins poses with one of his many trophies.

SPORTS

Handball Winner

Med Lab's Creed Smith compiled an undefeated record to win the post handball tournament July 10.

Smith edged out Garrison's Chase Gregory with a 6-0 record in the month-long, single round robin competition. Gregory had one loss against five wins.

Roko Smiljanic and James Hann, both from Letterman, tied for third with 3-3 records. There was another tie for fourth place with Western Recruiting's Bob Olenski and James Valentine of Sixth Region CID both posting 2-4 marks. Tony Johnson of Readiness Region IX finished last at 0-6.

Intramural Bowling (July 14)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
402nd MP Company	27	5
525th MI Group	22	10

USACC, AG	19	13
Support Element	19	13
Sixth Army Band	18½	13½
Armed Forces Police	17½	24½
170th MP Company	13	19
Garrison	12	20
CID	6	26
Harbor Craft	6	26

Cal-Pal Baseball

The first half of the Presidio Cal-Pal season was decided July 5 with the defending champion Treasure Island Orioles defeating the Presidio Tigers 5-2 for the first half championship.

Arnold Simmons led the Orioles with his pitching and defensive play.

The season's second half began July 10 with the Tigers defeating the Pirates. Over the weekend, the Braves defeated the Astros and the Dodgers thumped the Red Sox. In back to back upsets, the Phil-

lies downed the Orioles and the Astros beat the Tigers.

CAL-PAL BASEBALL (First Half Final)

	Won	Lost
Orioles	6	1
Dodgers	5	2
Tigers	5	2
Astros	3	4
Braves	3	4
Pirates	3	4
Red Sox	3	4

Racquetball Tournament

The post racquetball tournament is scheduled to begin July 30. Entries close July 28. It is open to all active duty personnel assigned to the Presidio. Contact Bob Darling (4120 or 5032) at the post Gym for more information or to sign up.

"Run For Your Life"

Individuals interested in developing and maintaining physical fitness are invited to participate in the "Run For Your Life" program. This voluntary action is

open to all military personnel, their dependents and civilians working on post. Entry blanks and applications are available at the Post Gym during normal duty hours.

Intramural Softball (July 14)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
170th MP Company	8	0
402nd MP Company	7	2
Letterman	6	2
Garrison	5	4
LAIR	3	6
Western Recruiting	3	6
Corps of Engineers	2	7
Support Element	1	8

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
HHD 504th MP Bn	7	1
Armed Forces Police	7	2
666th Radar Squadron	6	3
864th Engineers	5	3
16th Base Post Office	5	4
Readiness Region IX	2	6
525th MI Group	2	7
Med Lab	0	8

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Presidio store & AAFES is...

Catching PX Shoplifters

By John Chambers

Shoplifters are visiting the Presidio PX in ever increasing numbers, but recent trends in store security should have them looking over their shoulders.

Following a military-wide pattern, store security officers nabbed 44 would-be thieves here in the first quarter of 1975—a 400 per cent increase over the same period in 1974.

Store officials say there are two reasons for the improvement: more shoplifters and more security.

Shoplifting is on the rise almost everywhere in the U.S. and the Army and Air Force Exchange System is no exception. In the first three months of this year alone, AAFES security people have detained nearly 3,000 shoplifters system-wide.

Furthermore, security managers esti-

mate that 49 shoplifters get away for each one that is caught. (Civilian stores believe they catch one in 40).

Last year, shoplifters at the Presidio exchange made off with an estimated \$16,000 worth of merchandise.

To curb such losses, the exchange recently began a program aimed at educating its sales personnel in the nuances of shoplifting. Clerks learned how to spot shoplifters and teamed up with store detectives in pin-pointing them before they leave the store.

Catching a shoplifter is not easy. "There is a lot of luck involved," says Presidio exchange manager Durward Sims. "You either see them and catch them or you don't. Some are slicker than others."

Store workers learn to watch for certain actions that sometimes give a shoplifter away. For example, he or she might drop merchandise to the floor several times,

change it from hand to hand or not look at the merchandise displays.

"An honest shopper usually knows what he is looking for and goes to it," says a security specialist.

Shoplifters usually conceal the items in their pockets or a handbag, but some are more inventive. One girl made a pair of "booster bloomers" by tying drawstrings to the legs of some long underwear. Wearing them under a pair of loose-fitting levi's, she dropped several items down them before store detectives caught up with her.

Statistics show most Presidio shoplifters are dependents from 13 to 23 years of age. Their favorite targets are sporting goods and cosmetics. The males usually concentrate on the sporting goods where they might slip some tennis balls or sunglasses into their pocket.

Danger motivates many of the younger shoplifters. "I just wanted to see if I could get away with it," said one while waiting

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The Nazorowskis

Father & Son Team

"Like father, like son", is the philosophy of the Nazorowskis, both Senior and Junior.

Sergeant Joseph A. Nazorowski, Sr., and his son, Specialist Four Joseph, Jr., members of the 414th Army Reserve Military Police Company headquartered in Santa Ana, Calif., recently completed their two weeks' annual training together here.

Joseph, Jr., enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1972, after a tour of active duty with the Army. His father had already served 12 years' active military duty, and Joseph, Jr., convinced him he should join the Guard, too. After two years, they transferred to the Army Reserves as military police.

"We work better when we're together," says Joseph, Jr. His father agrees

wholeheartedly: "After all these years, we know exactly how the other will react in any circumstance. You couldn't ask for better teamwork."

Law enforcement is not limited to their reserve hours; it's their civilian job as well. Joseph, Sr., is a Federal Government employee with the Armed Forces Police at El Segundo, Calif., and Joseph, Jr., is a member of the Hughes Aircraft Police Force, also in El Segundo.

The father and son team spends many leisure hours together fishing, hunting, and target shooting, and enjoying picnics and movies with their families. Both reside in Long Beach, Calif.

When asked about their future military plans, the Nazorowskis replied, "We came in together. We're going to stay in the reserves until we can retire together."

The United States Army Chaplain's Corps will celebrate its Bicentennial at the Presidio Museum July 29 with the unveiling of a special display dedicated to the Army's first black lieutenant colonel.

The public is invited to attend this program. The ceremony will open at 10:10 a.m. on the Museum lawn with the Sixth U. S. Army Band providing several musical arrangements.

Following the bugle call to "Attention" and the posting of Colors, the Presidio Commander, Colonel John D. Cunningham will introduce the guest speaker, Chaplain (Colonel) Mitchell C. Johnson, the Presidio post chaplain. Colonel Johnson, the first black post chaplain here, will officiate at the dedication ceremonies.

Chaplain Johnson's remarks will be followed by refreshments and a tour of the new "Allensworth Display."

The display is named in memory of Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Allen Allensworth, who was widely recognized throughout the

military for his achievements in the field of education while serving as a chaplain in the United States Army.

Assigned to the all-black 24th Infantry Regiment until his retirement in 1906, he was the second black to be appointed as a Regular Army chaplain.

During the same year, 1906, he became the first black to attain the rank of lieutenant colonel and only the second chaplain to do so. As such, he was the highest ranking black officer of the Nineteenth and early Twentieth century.

Allensworth's origins were quite unlike that of most of his brother officers of the day. Born a slave in Kentucky in 1842, he was twice sold on the block as a youth. No doubt his ability at the "illegal arts" of reading and writing (skills he taught himself) made him seem a threat to his original masters. Indeed, he finally escaped and joined nearby Civil War Union Army forces as a medic. Later, he transferred to the Navy, becoming a petty officer.

At war's end, Allensworth opened a restaurant in St. Louis. Although he was successful in this business, he decided to set upon a different course.

Entering school to obtain his first formal education, Allensworth made great academic progress. In short order he was enlisted to teach in the Freedman's Bureau, a government organization formed to aid ex-slaves.

Subsequently, he attended college. During the 1870s he underwent a religious conversion which required furtherance of his education, this time in theology.

By the 1880s, Allensworth was a prominent Baptist minister, and an active figure in local Republican politics. During that period he decided to apply for a chaplaincy in the Army. Enlisting the aid of numerous noteworthy individuals in Louisville, Kentucky, he submitted his application to the President. Among his references was his last owner.

During his period of service he was in-

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ACS Is 10 Years Old

Volunteer support needed for new Hamilton Branch

This week marks the tenth anniversary of Army Community Service Army-wide and here at the Presidio.

Since starting out July 25, 1965 with only six centers, ACS has grown to 159 centers internationally, with over 460 full-time personnel and over 3,500 volunteers who form the real backbone of ACS.

For those unfamiliar with what ACS can do for you, it is an organization which provides an Army-wide program to help soldiers, their dependents and the retired meet personal problems they cannot handle alone.

It can provide financial assistance such as emergency relief loans, emergency transportation and child care, loan of household goods for people just moving into a new area, aid to handicapped de-

pendents and family and marital counseling.

A social worker with the Presidio ACS, Mrs. R. Kamaka, explained that all ACS's are dependent upon volunteer support. Quoting from the ACS philosophy, Mrs. Kamaka said, "The volunteers serve as an important link between the population served and the official military organization."

In its ten years of service, the Presidio ACS has been primarily concerned with the welfare of the community here on post. But a new ACS, designed to meet the needs of other servicemen, is scheduled to open at Hamilton Air Force Base on the ACS anniversary.

Located in family housing referral just inside Hamilton's main gate, it will offer

services much like the ACS here but on a more limited scope. Offered will be: family, and marital and budget counseling, Army Emergency Relief Loans, "loan closet" services (temporary use of household things such as pots, pans and dishes), consumer affairs advice, food stamp referral and information on resources for the handicapped.

Mrs. Kamaka also mentioned that ACS is looking for volunteers to staff the new branch. Interested persons should call the Presidio ACS at 561-5057 or 561-5256; Mrs. Kay Rochester at 838-3425 or Mrs. Jean Cardinal at 838-3225.

The Presidio ACS is scheduled to hold an open house at its office (Bldg. 913) from 1 to 3 p.m., July 25, in celebration of

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Ramblin' Sam

What should be done about vandalism on the Presidio?

Mrs. Joanne Nilsen, secretary at USACIDC:

"I would think a good way to make people aware of vandalism is put up large informative posters for all to see. It might remind people to secure items that could be vandalized."



SSG Jack Beaman, DPTSEC:

"The best way, I think, is to threaten potential vandals with a stiff punishment. If a youngster can't be jailed for a wrong committed, then threaten him with a good-spanking?"

SFC Mark Humphries, operations sergeant, PMO:

"The best way to handle vandalism is prevent it. Make sure material things are secure. Keep quarters well lighted. Burned out street lights should be reported. Call the military police when suspicious persons unknown to you are loitering about, or are engaged in an act of vandalism."



Ms. Eleanor Toomey, IO:

"If vandalism is being caused by any children on post, then it is the responsibility of their parents to answer up, along with the child, for any wrong doings. I think parents should know where their children are and what they are doing so that the temptation a child may have to do something damaging could be averted."

Presidio News Notes

NCOA Donation

The Golden Gate chapter of the Non Commissioned Officer's Association recently donated \$250 to the children's burn ward at San Francisco General Hospital. A hospital spokesman said most of the donation would be used to buy a play pen and high chair needed for the ward's infants. The NCOA collected the money in both the military and civilian community as part of their national community activities program.

504th Commander to Leadership Conference

Lietenant Colonel Dana S. Kierstead, commander of the 504th MP Battalion, will represent the Presidio at the annual TRADOC Leadership Conference at Ft. Benning, GA., July 28 to Aug. 1. Lt. Col. Kierstead was selected to attend by FORSCOM headquarters. The conference will examine the status of leadership training to include current programs and plans for the future. Representatives are attending from approximately 15 Army installations both in the U.S. and overseas.

American Legion Drive

The American Legion Post #230, located in the Veteran's Building on Van Ness Avenue and McAllister Street, is having a membership drive and meeting Aug. 8 in room 219 at 7:30 p.m. Veterans and prior service military personnel are invited to attend. For more information on the meeting, contact Rev. K. Eugene Hill, 3rd Vice Commander, at 771-1396.

Air Show

On Sunday, July 27, Moffett Field Naval Air Station is hosting one of the most exciting air shows in

history. This **free** special event is in honor of their Bicentennial Celebration and will feature just about everything that flies.

The air show begins at noon with flight demonstrations by hot air balloons, radio controlled model aircraft, aerobatic sailplane demonstrations, a Navy Fighter aerobatic demonstrations, Marine Corps tactics demonstrations with helicopters, an Army Air Corps fighter Aerobatic demonstration, Navy Parachute Team jumping demonstration and then, climaxing the day, the BLUE ANGELS, who will perform their world famous aerial stunts.

A bus is leaving the Recreation Center, Bldg 135 at 11:00 to go to this exciting show. Reservations can still be made by calling 2000/5420. When the bus is full, car pools will be formed so nobody has to miss this all time great air show. Bring the whole family!!!

Reserve Race Relations Course

Members of the Reserve and National Guard, 161 men & women, representing all 15 States in the Sixth Army area, have just completed a two week Race Relations Discussion Leaders' Course held at the Treasure Island Naval Base.

The graduates of the course will become Race Relations Discussion Leaders for their individual units.

The Presidio USAR School (6227) conducted the Course which included lectures, panels, seminars and role playing. Guest speakers and panelists were from the local populace and represented the Asian, Black, Native American and Latino communities.

CAR POOL

Bernice Williams. Glenwood-Oaklawn area of West Lake in Daly City. Will share ride expenses or join car pool. Phone 2108 or 2109.

Driver wanted for established car pool to and from Presidio. Petaluma or Santa Rosa area. Call C. Spencer Johnson at 2336 or 2405.

Eleanor Toomey. Cupertino. Will join car pool or ride and share expenses. Telephone 3870.

Frances Jamieson. 24th Avenue and Lake Street, S.F. to Ft. Baker. Will share expenses. Telephone: 751-7413 (after 6 p.m.).

Margaret Lyons. 900 block, Key Avenue, Bayview District, San Francisco. Will join car pool or share ride and expenses. Phone 5545.

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd., Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518, (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg. 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing carpool.

SP5 Eugenia Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland, telephone: 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

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Sp5 John Chambers, editor
SSgt. C. D. Steen, writer/reporter

ACTION LINE

Q. I would like to get some type of response from the engineers in reference to drainage in front of my house at 815C Quarry Road.

I've been assigned to the Presidio for approximately three and a half years. I've contacted the engineer office on a number of occasions during that time concerning the water—when it rains at the Presidio, it seems to build up as if it were a small river in front of my house. It just does not drain off due to the poor construction of the drainage system there.

The sidewalk is lower at the entrance and water just builds up; whereas if it were higher, it would drain off. I've asked for loads of dirt during the past three years so that I might be able to elevate the land myself.

The fire department was out in front of my house when they used the fire hydrant all the water that came from the hydrant just built up in front of my yard, which is usual. They indicated that it was a health hazard and that they would report it to get an immediate response from the engineers and that never occurred.

SFC Willie Cudger

A. A drainage system for your quarters and the adjoining quarters (817) is on the Annual Work Plan. It is planned that this will be done before the rainy season. The addition of soil would only compound the problem which is a result of poor design.

Mr. John M. Lane, Deputy Facilities Engineer

Q. About a year ago, I contacted the commander of the Presidio concerning the possibility of putting in some steps behind the exchange cafeteria (the complex by the bank and post office). The steps should go down leading to the PX.

Right now there is a very hazardous path there. I frequently park down below in that area and I see young people, old people, struggling up and down that hill, slipping and sliding.

In the past year nothing has been done, but the ruts in the grade continue to become deeper and more treacherous. I'm sure someone is going to become seriously injured there someday, falling.

They continue to use that shortcut so why not put in some steps to make it safe as well as convenient?

Colonel Dickson (Retired)

A. The project for the stairway to the cafeteria has been approved. The materials have been ordered and are being delivered. The work will be performed by the San Pablo Reserve Unit during the summer months.

Mr. John M. Lane, Deputy Facilities Engineer

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Ed Classes

San Francisco State University will conduct four courses at the Education Center from August 18 to October 10. This schedule allows time for a second term to start in October and end before Christmas.

The courses starting in August are: PSY 200 - General Psychology (no prerequisites required); BUS 120 - Legal Environment of Business (an introductory business law course required by most colleges for business majors); ENG 106 - Language and Experience (Freshman composition); and BIO 321 - Magic, Myths and Medicine (upper division with a prerequisite of one biology and/or history course).

PSY 200 and BUS 120 meet on Monday and Wednesday and ENG 106 and BIO 120 meet on Tuesday and Thursday. All classes meet from 1800 to 2100 hours and carry three semester units of resident credit at San Francisco State. Tuition is \$84 per course, payable by check or money order only. Tuition assistance is available for qualified active duty personnel.

To register for a course, come to the Fort Scott Education Center, Bldg. 1216, or the Letterman Education Center, Bldg 1007. For further information call 4445/2974, Fort Scott or 3693/4030, LAMC.

Presidio's Cannons

History cast in bronze & iron

Probably anyone over the age of five who has ever strolled around the Presidio, has come across a few of the post's most historic artifacts, the cannons.

But except for those who have studied the historic significance of the incredibly heavy, cast iron and bronze weapons, only a few know the background of the cannons here and at Ft. Point.

Some of the most often seen are the green-colored, solid bronze Spanish cannons. Two stand in front of the flag pole on Pershing Square, two in front of the officer's club, one at the Army museum, and one at Ft. Point.

These cannons date back to the Early Spanish settlers and were brought to the Presidio in the 18th Century from Peru, where they were made.

The two and a half ton cannons are ornately designed with the Viceroy of Peru's coat of arms and other decorative designs to include the caster's own name, written in Latin, and the coat of arms of the king of Spain.

These cannons were usually named after saints. One cannon, at Pershing Square, is named San Francisco. But the city of San Francisco had nothing to do with the naming of the cannon, or vice-versa.

The cannon was named after St. Francis 'of Assisi'. The caster, whose name was Cubis, misspelled the name on the cannon which was probably due to a lack of a formal education.

Outside the Lombard Gate two other Spanish cannons, somewhat different in design, guard the entrance. These cannons were captured in the Philippines during the Spanish American War and brought here. Two more from the same period stand in front of Stillwell Hall near Crissy Field.

The cannons had a one-mile range and fired an eight or twelve pound ball.

One of the most beautifully designed cannons on post is the French bronze which sits by the Army museum. Cast in 1754, the cannon was captured in Cuba by the 5th Army Corps during the Spanish American War.

Also at the museum are two 1897 model "Bag Guns", so called because the gun powder was held in silk bags instead of brass shell casings. They are 75mm size and were used by the US Army Artillery for defense during the same war.

The large black cannon sitting high on its carriage, easily seen by those driving on Lincoln Boulevard, was the victim of a direct hit from the cruiser, the U.S.S. Char-

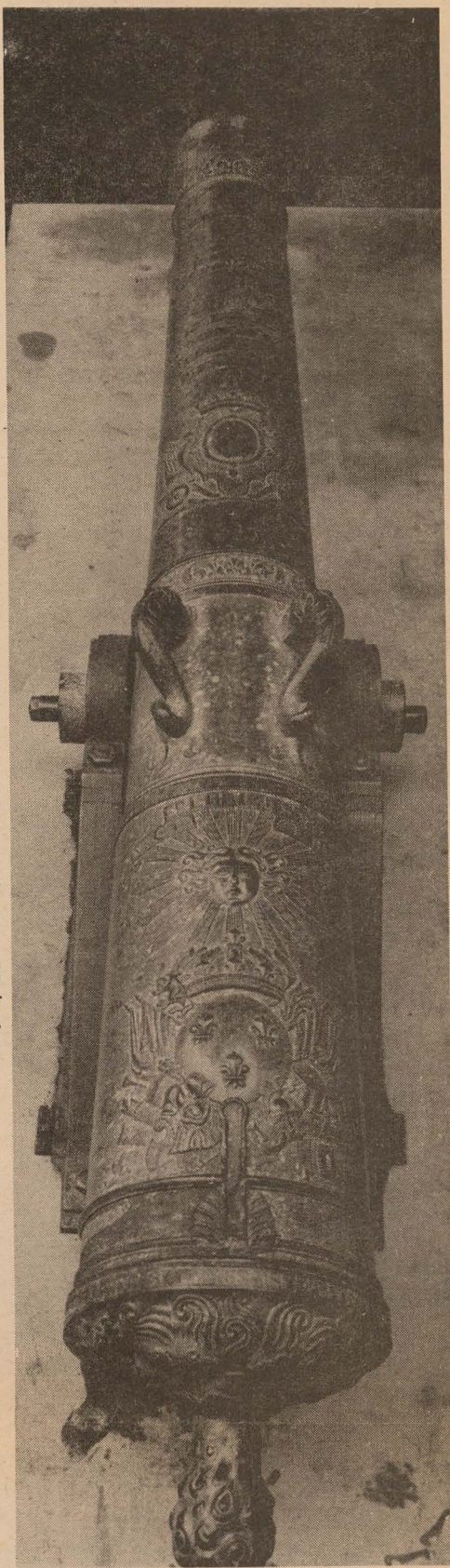
leston in 1899 during the Filipino Insurrection.

During the Civil War and for years after, one of the most common cannons found around the Presidio, but mostly in and around Ft. Point, was the 8-ton Rodmans. Most of these and other non-bronze cannons were melted down during World War II for their iron. But two Rodmans remain at Pershing Square.

Some of these cannons were modified by rifling the once smooth bores. Cannons prior to the Civil War period were almost all smooth-bored and accuracy was limited at best (they could hit what they aimed at about five per cent of the time).

Rifling improved the accuracy of these cannons, but not much. The pear-shaped cannons shot a 128 pound, 10 inch iron ball. Later, bullet-shaped projectiles were introduced for this and other cannons, such as the giant parrott rifles and the modern-day guns. Accuracy improved greatly.

Though the Presidio was well armed throughout most of its history, no shell or cannon ball was ever fired in anger at any enemy.



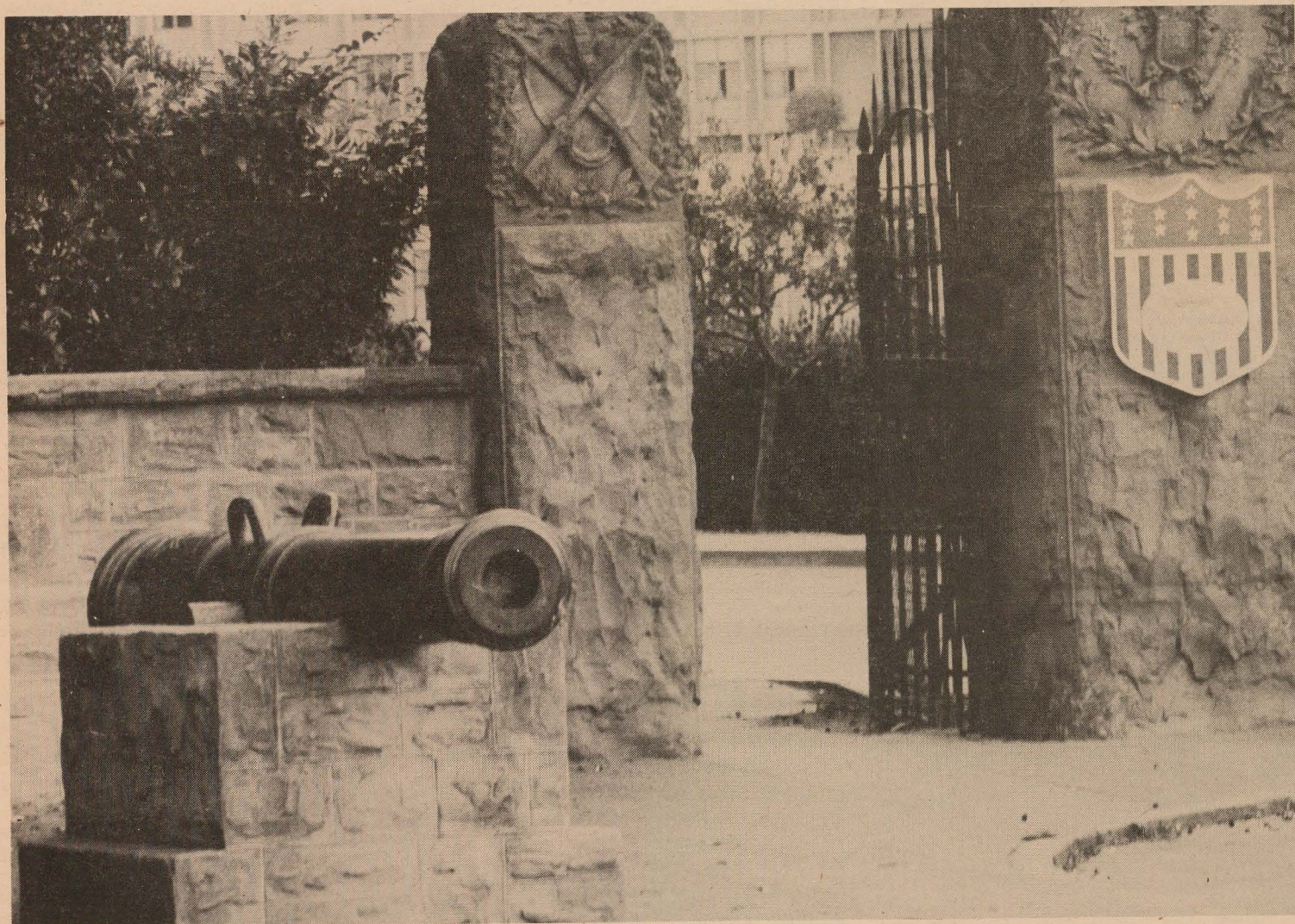
1st quarter crime statistics released

WASHINGTON (ANF) — Statistics of crime within the Army during the first quarter of calendar year 1975 show drug offenses climbing while crimes of violence and crimes against property decreased.

The most predominant drug offense—use and possession of marijuana—showed a four per cent increase over the last quarter of calendar year 1974. Other drug offenses increased 12 per cent.

Crimes against property fell seven per cent during the same period while crimes of violence (murder, rape, aggravated assault, etc.) decreased less than one per cent. Aggravated assault was the predominant crime of violence overseas while robbery surpassed all other violent crimes in CONUS.

Perhaps the most distressing and dramatic statistic was that for murder. It increased 33 per cent; there were 60 deaths through violence.



One of Two Spanish cannons silently guards the Presidio Lombard St. entrance.

PX Shoplifting (Continued From Page 1)

for the MPs to pick him up.

Others try to run or use the standard plea, "I forgot to pay for it. Can I pay for it now?" By then it is too late and the shopper faces a mandatory six month suspension of PX privileges. Dependents can be prosecuted in civilian courts and active duty under the UCMJ.

A shocking aspect of the shoplifting picture is its peripheral costs. The initial cost of stolen merchandise is multiplied many times by the expense of accounting for them. Detective reports, time the store manager puts in on each case and police

investigations all cost money. Security people estimate these additional expenses add up to \$1,000 for a \$15 stolen item.

Most of the money is indirectly stolen from the average shopper. Theft decreases the store's profits which are usually passed, via Washington, to post welfare funds. The funds pay for many unit and post recreational activities.

One security man wrapped up the way shoplifters affect the military community this way: "These people are doing nothing but stealing from themselves."

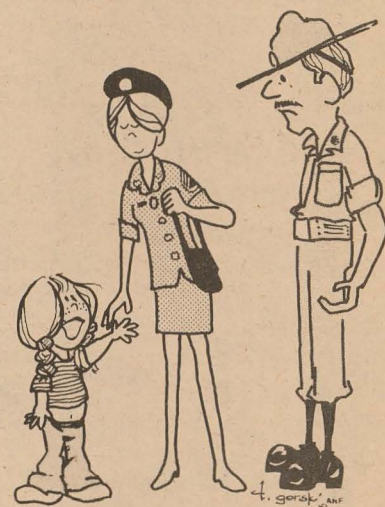
ACS Is 10 Years Old

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the ACS tenth anniversary.

Planned for the open house are poster displays describing the various committees making up the ACS organization. ACS volunteers will explain the displays.

It is open to the public and refreshments will be served. Normal operating hours will continue through the open house.



WHEN I GROW UP I WANNA BE A SOLDIER... JUST LIKE MOMMY!

Commander's Cup

SPORTS

Letterman has won the 1974-75 Commander's Cup, besting its nearest competitor by more than 50 points.

The cup is presented annually to the team with the best participation in the Presidio sports program.

Garrison finished a distant second to Letterman and the HHD 504th MP Battalion was third. Defending champion Support Element was fifth.

Letterman won the intramural championships in softball, football and basketball on the way to its title. Units receive points for where they finish in intramural sports, how many players they place on post-level teams, entry into intramural competitions and the number of sports council meetings they attend.

COMMANDER'S CUP TOTALS — (final).

Letterman	289½
Garrison	236
HHD 504th MP Bn	231½
LAIR	212
Support Element	187
WRRC	181
170th MP Co	160½
USA Med Lab	146
525th MI Gp	145
"D" Co 864th Engrs	137½
402d MP Co	130½
16th BPO	123½
51st Engr Det.	(Tie) 113½
Dist Corp of Engrs (Tie)	113½
ARR IX	74½
USACC	65
Courier Station	56
163rd MP Det.	51½
AFPD	49
Harbor Craft	48
6A Band	47½
USACIDC	34
OARB	22½

MIL-PAC VI	20
USPHS	14

Recruiting Wins Golf Title

Led by Ralph Boyles, Jr., Western Recruiting won the 1975 Presidio Intramural Golf Championship July 17 at the Presidio Golf Course.

The HHD 504th MP Battalion finished second followed by the 525th MI Group and Readiness Region IX.

Boyles shot a scratch 79 to give his team a net medal score of 214, twelve strokes better than the 504th.

Richard Scott and Grover Marks were the other two players on the Recruiting threesome.

Net medal score is the total of the three players strokes minus their handicaps.

Softball Players Needed

The Presidio post softball team is looking for players to compete this summer in the San Francisco City League. Anyone on active duty desiring to play should call Zapata at 561-2000 as soon as possible.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL (July 21)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
170th MP Company	9	0
402nd MP Company	8	2
Letterman	6	3
Garrison	5	5
LAIR	4	6
Western Recruiting	3	7
Corps of Engineers	3	7
Support Element	1	9
League	Ft.	Scott
	Won	Lost
HHD 504th MP Battalion	8	1
Armed Forces Police	8	2
666th Radar Squadron	7	3
864th Engineers	6	3
16th Base Post Office	5	5

Readiness Region IX	2	7
525th MI Group	2	8
Med Lab	0	9

Racquetball Tournament

Entries close July 28 for the post racquetball tournament scheduled to begin July 30. Call the Post Gym at 4120 to register.

"Run For Your Life"

Improve your physical fitness in the "Run For Your Life" program here. For information on this popular Army program call the post Gym at 4120.

Youth All-Stars

Treasure Island Naval Base will sponsor two youth Bantam All-Star tournaments with teams from Presidio, Treasure Island, Alameda Naval Air Station and Hamilton Air Force Base entered.

The tournament on July 26-27 will be composed of minor Bantam teams and

major Bantam teams on Aug. 2-3. The first minor Bantam game will start at 9 a.m. July 26. The second game will feature the Presidio against Alameda at 11 a.m.

Bantam Baseball

Some good news, some bad

The Bantam League Youth Baseball Program, for 8 through 12 years old, reached the half way point last week after an awkward beginning and unsteady progress.

According to league officials this year's season has been filled with surprises — some pleasing and a number of disconcerting ones.

First they point to an unusual personnel turnover that has caused a severe shortage of league age children. This season began with less than five girls entered as compared to nearly ten last year., and three teams as compared to five a year ago.

In the next age group sign ups were also lagging and only four teams could be formed. There were six strong teams in

the same division last year. In an effort to build the league two teams from San Francisco were invited to play here.

While league officials blame some of their woes on the unusual turnover they also point to a cretical lack of interest in the Presidio Community.

This year the league searched for players in a door-to-door advertising campaign, by recalling players from last year and from the recently ended San Francisco spring leagues. But even with

this concentrated effort many at the Presidio failed to respond and as a result some of the teams would take the field with no more than ten or eleven players.

Also hard to find this year were volunteers to administer the program. But, again according to those active in the program, this is a common ailment.

On the positive side, the sparse turnout has given this year's crop of ballplayers more opportunities to compete. This year's league for the most part, is evenly balanced and although the first half ap-

pears won by a team that has an 8-0 record some of those wins have been hard earned. Unlike the last season, none of the teams are posting extremely high and onesided scores. Also missing are the slugfest games. By midseason a year ago

nearly twenty homeruns had been recorded. This year there have been less than ten.

The coaches explain that many of the hitters and fastball pitchers have graduated to the big leagues. (The CAL-PAL, ages 13-15).

First place in the first half has been sewed up by the Cards, coached by Pete Sitov while second place is being contested by the Yanks, Bucs and Cubs. The remaining teams are the Mets and Twins.

Chaplain's

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strumental in the formation of educational programs for the enlisted ranks, striving to increase the overall educational level of

the black soldier, both by training, as well as by actively seeking trade school or college graduates as recruits.

Allensworth succeeded in his attempts not only because of his ingenuity for accomplishing his aims with limited funds, but also because of his desire to teach practical skills to the troops.

He even opened a school for cooking in his own kitchen.

Through these efforts, Allensworth continued to improve the lot of the black sol-

dier, often in the face of an indifferent or condescending official attitude.

Upon his retirement from the service he promoted the townsite of Allensworth, in Tulare County, Calif.

The colony, founded in 1908, prospered from the start. Beginning with 20 acres, it soon grew to 80 acres with a school, library, post office, train station, and several shops.

The town flourished until deep well pumping caused the water table to drop. Today, the area is Colonel Allensworth State Park, located in the San Joaquin Valley.

A Door With a Difference

Captain John Mumma looks at the strange design permanently engraved in the door of his Ft. Scott office. The outline, which bears a remarkable resemblance to a headless man hanging by his arms, is a natural part of the door's grain pattern. Capt. Mumma says he has had many comments on the door and has considered asking the post engineers to change it. Cpt. Mumma is S-1 officer for the 504th MP Battalion.



Photo by C. D. Steen

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Aug. 8 set for opening of...

Co-located Club & Rec Center

By John Chambers

An ingenious venture, aimed at boosting two sagging post activities will unfold next week with the grand opening of the combined NCO/Enlisted Men's Club and Recreation Center.

The co-located centers will open August 8 in Building 135, a structure currently occupied by the Rec Center along.

Presidio's financially troubled NCO/EM Club will move from its present location across from the Letterman Swimming

Pool into two-thirds of Building 135's main floor.

Once completed, Club and Rec Center officials hope the move will increase the number of patrons for both activities.

While the Club will permanently maintain the Western wing of Building 135, the Rec Center will continue to run its services in two floors of the Eastern wing and in the upstairs balcony.

Planners envision the two activities sharing the building's large central room with its high glass windows looking out on

San Francisco Bay.

Finances were the primary motivation for the move. Labor and food prices have skyrocketed for the NCO/EM Club in the last three years while the Rec Center has suffered repeated budget cuts during the same period.

Coupled with dwindling troop strength at the Presidio, the Rec Center was unable to fill the huge Building 135 with activities while food service at the NCO/EM Club has come perilously close to extinction.

"We hope moving to the new center will attract more people and put our food service back in the black," said Mr. Donald B. Herington, head of the clubs on post.

Club managers estimate that the new NCO/EM Club will have to average \$30,000 in total sales each month to preserve the food service. If not, the service which includes daily luncheons and dinners will have to be cut.

The NCO/EM Club currently makes close to this figure by combining its income with that from the Log Cabin and figures over the last three months indicate that only a slight increase in patrons is needed to regularly cover costs.

Proponents of the co-location are counting heavily on increased parking around Building 135, its central location and the attractiveness of the building itself

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Using a light table, Sp5 Thomas Dominquez looks for pin-point size holes in a MCI-1 canopy.

Chute Riggers

Rely on caution & Expertise

Remember the Spec. 5 you saw the other day wearing the red beret? You wondered where he was from?

Would you believe the Air Delivery Equipment Repair section? It's a fancy name for parachute riggers and it's their job to make sure that each of some 425 canopies they receive every month will function properly on the next trip down.

Headed by Chief Warrant Officer Darrell Barber, the six-man unit located near Crissy Field provides highly professional service to a 12-state area made up of Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana, North and South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado.

They service equipment for aircraft and airborne units in the active Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard.

Chief Barber has been in the business since graduating from the Army's Fort Benning, Ga., Riggers School in 1952. He had previously completed jump school and an assignment with the 82nd Airborne Division.

For his team, mistakes are never permitted. The old cliché, "That's close enough for government work," goes out the window here. Thousands of men's lives depend on perfection—their perfection.

The eighth item in the "Rigger's Pledge" tells it all: "I will never let the idea that a piece of work is 'Good Enough' and make me a potential murderer through a careless mistake or oversight, for I know

there can be no compromise with perfection."

From the time each parachute enters the Presidio Rigger's shop, inspection is the keyword. After a minimum of six hours airing and drying time, the canopy goes on the table.

With the MCI-1 model now in use by airborne units, there are seven separate steps before the chute is ready for return to the using unit. They include proper lay-out, completed flatfold, completed long-fold, stowed suspension lines, stowed canopy with temporary locking pin, stowed pilot chute and completed chute.

Each of the steps is followed by a rigid inspection and there is no tolerance for error. Each must be perfect.

The shop is fully equipped not only to handle the repacking duties, but also to provide extensive maintenance and repair work on the equipment received. A light table aids the team in spotting pinpoint size holes in the canopy. The parachute is also checked for worn and frayed lines, and worn out hardware—all of which may be repaired or replaced as needed.

When the equipment goes back out, the user can be certain that there will be no malfunction of the parachute due to poor, careless or faulty packing. The riggers can and do jump with the parachutes themselves, pulling equipment off the storage racks at random.

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227th Med visits Millbrae...

Water Plant

By Sp5 Gilbert Gonzales
227th Medical Detachment

Personnel from the 227th Medical Detachment recently visited the Water Treatment plant at Millbrae, Calif. This plant is one of three in the Bay Area that serves the majority of the populations

from Millbrae north to San Francisco.

During a normal operating day, the plant treats approximately 60 million gallons of water which is just a fraction of the 140 million gallons the peninsula consumes per day.

Personnel from the 227th were taken on a tour of the plant. As the tour director explained the different steps in water treatment, he also mentioned that the plant receives its water from the water shed of the Yosemite National Park Area.

Runoff from the mountains in this area supplies approximately 140 billion gallons of water which travels to the Bay Area (See Page 3)

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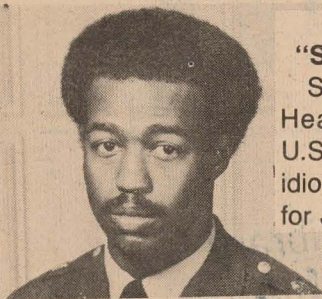
The Lombard Street Gate will be closed from 7:30 a.m. August 4 to 5 p.m. August 6 due to construction on Lombard Street.



Sign outside the riggers' building.

Photos By C. D. Steen

Presidio News Notes



July
"Soldier of the Month"
Sp4 John W. Gooch of Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison is Presidio "Soldier of the Month" for July.

American Legion Number

The telephone number for information on American Legion Post #230 has been changed to 771-8509.

August Promotion Picture

Army-wide promotions planned for August for grades E-5 through O-6 number 5,689—down from July totals.

Scheduled enlisted promotions include: 2,850 to E-5; 878 to E-6; 661 to E-7; 234 to E-8 and 83 to E-9.

Warrant Officer promotions include 32 to CWO-3 and 20 to CWO-4. Other officer promotions include 450 to O-3; 208 to O-4; 228 to O-5; and 45 to O-6.

A promotion board to select active Army and WAC first lieutenants for the grade of Captain, AUS, is scheduled to meet Aug. 19.

The board's zone of consideration includes all first lieutenants with a date of rank Jan. 31, 1975 or earlier. A separate Captain, AUS, selection board for medical officers has been tentatively set for Sept. 8.

Check "Moonlighting" Regulation

Soldiers trying to whip inflation by bringing home two paychecks instead of one should read and heed the Army reg covering off-duty employment (AR 600-50).

Principle guidelines say off-duty employment should be compatible with government employment—without conflict of interest. Soldiers may not use their position or title for private gain, may not work where a strike is on and may not interfere with employment of local civilians.

At the San Francisco USO

The USO is planning a hike from Mt. Tamalpais to Stinson Beach for a picnic and watermelon feed on Saturday, August 9.

The cost for the lunch will be \$1.25. Transportation will be extra depending upon whether cars or public transportation is used.

The group will leave the San Francisco USO at 1019 Market Street at 9 a.m.

Deadline for signups and payment is Thursday, August 7. Additional information may be obtained by calling the USO at 621-0630.

Presidio Officers' Club

The "Eddie Cash Show" will take place in the main dining room August 6 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

PX Skillet Recall

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is asking customers to return potentially defective electric casserole skillets. Testing has confirmed that a 1974 Hamilton Beach skillet—Model Number 520—leaks electrical current.

The appliance may be identified by digets ending with "74" found on the terminal guard around the skillet male electrical prongs. Customers should return the skillets to the PX for a full refund.

AFFES also says PX items costing \$200 or more now may be placed in layaway for up to 180 days instead of the usual 90-day limit.

Education Center News

In response to student requests, **Advanced Transactional Analysis** will be added to the August 18 to October 10 schedule of courses conducted here by San Francisco State University. The classes will meet at the Ft. Scott Education Center (Bldg. 1216) Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. Prerequisites for the course are completion of PSY 305, Intro to TA or demonstration of the knowledge of TA concepts to the instructor's satisfaction.

The following classes will also be conducted at the Ft. Scott Ed Center:

MOS Test Taking and Study Skills Class.

Tuesday and Wednesday August 5 and 6 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The course covers practical test-taking techniques and study skills. It is designed to prepare active duty and reserve personnel for their MOS verification test.

Citizenship Class. Mondays and Wednesdays August 4 to August 27 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This "ongoing" course helps prepare students for the U.S. citizenship tests. It covers U.S. government and the Constitution. English vocabulary and usage are emphasized.

Intermediate Shorthand. Mondays through Fridays, August 4 to August 29 from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. If your speed is already 50 wpm or better, this "ongoing" class is open to you to review your shorthand and to increase your speed.

Math Review Class. Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 5 to August 28 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. This "ongoing" class provides instruction in the review of basic math, geometry and trigonometry. Much of the classwork is given on an individualized basis depending upon the needs of the student.

English for the Foreign Born. Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 5 to August 28 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. This "ongoing" class helps students to improve their conversational English. Some emphasis is placed upon grammar and composition.

Students may register in "ongoing" classes at any time most convenient to the individual or his or her family. Instructors will assist the new student in becoming a part of the ongoing class. For further information or to enroll, contact the High School Department at 561-2974 or 4445.

Men's Army Sweater

The men's Army Green Shade 44 sweater has been approved by the Army Uniform Board as an optional purchase item.

The 100 per cent acrylic, cardigan style sweater can be worn in offices or buildings and under the Army green coat.

The sweater should be available at post exchanges this fall and cost about \$8.

Second Year Without Draft

The Army recently completed its second successful year of recruiting without the draft.

In recruiting some 209,100 young men and women into the Army, former Secretary of the Army Howard Callaway pointed out that the Army was not only able to meet its annual recruiting objective, but at the same time improved the quality of personnel being recruited.

Of those enlisting in the Army for the first time in the Fiscal Year, some 66 per cent had high school educations. Army-wide 77 per cent of the enlisted force have high school diplomas.

Women's Year

1975 is International Women's Year. It was officially established by Presidential proclamation and by the UN General Assembly. Overall, IWY has three goals: to promote equality between men and women, to integrate women into the total economic and social developments and to recognize women's increasing contribution to world peace.

The following are Department of Defense objectives for International Women's Year.

1. To continue striving to provide to both men and women an equal opportunity for patriotic service in the all-volunteer military forces of the United States. This also applies to Department of Defense civilians.

2. To make people realize that the common defense is a common and equal responsibility of all citizens. And at the same time to promote initiatives that will encourage the active role of women in the mission of the Defense Department.

3. To acknowledge and emphasize the sacrifices of women in building the United States and, in particular, to recognize the accomplishments of both military and civilian women in the Department of Defense.

4. Some installations and agencies have conducted and are planning observances and related activities in support of the DOD objectives. All commanders are requested to insure meaningful local actions in furtherance of these objectives.

5. Suggestions for observance of International Women's Year include, but are not limited to the following:

Exhibits depicting the role of women within the Army (historically and currently) for display in military museums, libraries and other appropriate locations.

Increasing the use of women in fulfilling public speaking engagements. In order to appeal to a wide variety of audiences, special effort should be made to identify women in responsible positions to represent the Army. Speaker's kits prepared by the United States Center for International Women's Year in Washington, D.C. were sent to each Army installation information officer earlier this year.

Giving the participation and role of women in the Army special recognition through the inclusion of women to a high degree in all occasions and observances, both one-time events and traditional recurring observances official and public.

"Women's Day," the third annual celebration of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote, will be celebrated at the Presidio Aug. 26. Volunteers are needed to make posters for the event. Contact Holly Handler at 4900 or 4445 if you want to help.

ACTION LINE

Q. I'd like to know if they can put speed nubs—ot speed bumps, but the small nubs—in the Ft. Barry housing area?

Specialist Burke

A. Placing speed nubs in the Ft. Barry housing area is not feasible in that this road is a major thoroughfare, not only for military but for visitors as well. Action has been taken to cope with speeders by having MP patrols closely monitor traffic in the area. In addition, Traffic Investigation teams have been instructed to monitor traffic in that area using radar. Park Police have been contacted and their assistance requested. —Lt. Col. Norman D. Harms

Director, DPCA

Q. I'm going on leave to Germany and I want to know if I can get stationed there while on leave or find a swap and send him back in my place?

Sp4 Daniel Effman, 864th Engineers

A. An individual cannot be reassigned to an overseas unit from a leave status. Stateside soldiers can only swap with other stateside soldiers and the same holds true for soldiers in an overseas command (an individual can exchange with a soldier at a different station in the same overseas command).

Mr. S.D. Bowen, Deputy Director, DPCA

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CAR POOL

Bernice Williams. Glenwood-Oaklawn area of West Lake in Daly City. Will share ride expenses or join car pool. Phone 2108 or 2109.

Driver wanted for established car pool to and from Presidio. Petaluma or Santa Rosa area. Call C. Spencer Johnson at 2336 or 2405.

Frances Jamieson. 24th Avenue and Lake Street, S.F. to Ft. Baker. Will share expenses. Telephone: 751-7413 (after 6 p.m.).

Margaret Lyons. 900 block, Key Avenue, Bayview District, San Francisco. Will join car pool or share ride and expenses. Phone 5545.

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd., Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518, (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg. 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing carpool.

SP5 Eugenia Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland, telephone: 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

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to attract new business as well as the added services offered in conjunction with the Rec Center.

The revamped club will boast two bars, a permanent cocktail lounge, a dining facility capable of handling 50 to 60 patrons and a main ballroom that can be used for dining, dancing and other NCO/EM and Rec Club activities.

Regular reports on the project will be sent to the Department of the Army which will monitor the co-location during a one-year test period. If successful, the concept will be used at other small installations with large service club buildings.

Opening ceremonies for the new club are planned to begin at 3:30 p.m. with a ribbon cutting and a reception from 4 to 6 p.m.

The grand opening brings to completion more than two months of work by one of the Presidio's Engineer companies.

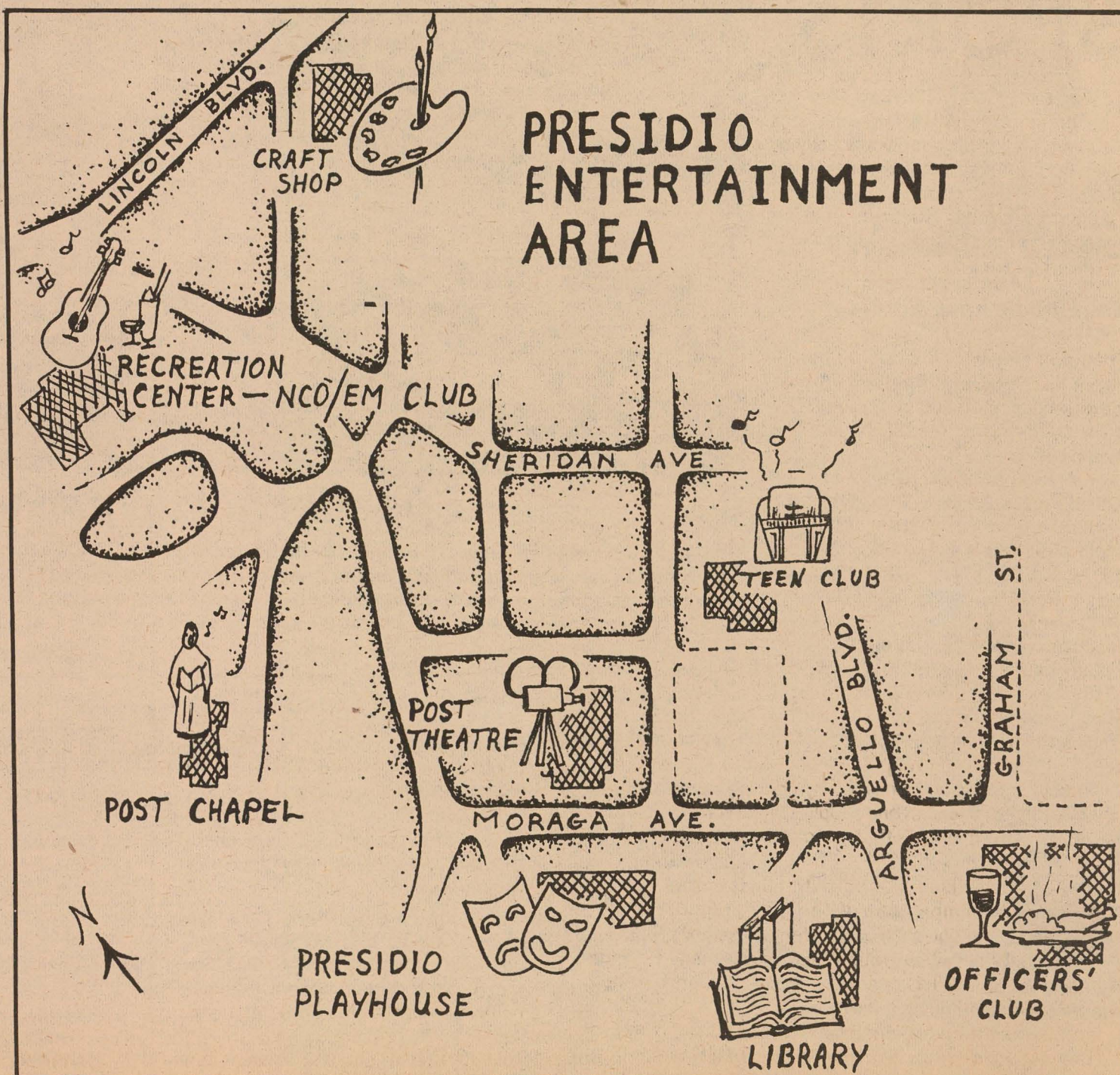
Company D of the 864th Engineer Battalion poured some 3,500 man hours into the project and, in doing so, saved the post an estimated \$10,000 in labor costs.

New Area Taking Shape On Post

In moving to Building 135, the combined NCO/EM Club will become part of a subtle effort to centralize all the Presidio's entertainment facilities.

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Stretching from the corner of Arguello Boulevard and Moraga Avenue to the

junction of Lincoln Boulevard and Sheridan Avenue, the area includes the Officer's Club, the Post Theater, the Teen Center, the recently moved Presidio Playhouse, the Post Chapel, the Craft Shop and the now co-located NCO/EM

and Recreation Clubs.

Advocates of the club relocation point to this as another possible boost to their business, since the club will be about equal distance from either Ft. Scott or Leterman.

Congress votes this week on...

Pay, Inversion, Troop Cuts

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 28—A Joint Conference Committee ironed out differences on the military procurement bill and sent the measure back to the House and Senate for a final vote that could come Thursday or Friday.

The committee action, if approved by the Congress and the President, limits a military pay raise to five per cent provided the same limitation applies to civil service employees and reduces Department of Defense strength by 9,000 military and 23,000 civilian spaces.

In its present form, the bill also provides for admission of women into service academies in 1976 and accepts Senate-

approved language addressing the "pay inversion" problem.

The approved language assumes that military personnel who retire now and in the future will not receive less retired pay than if they retired at an earlier date—but after Jan. 1, 1971.

The "retired pay inversion" problem stemmed from retired pay increasing faster than active duty pay.

In the area of women military academy members, the bill requires their admission and graduation standards to be generally the same as those for men.

Parachute Riggers (From Page 1)

According to Chief Barber, the team supports approximately 2,000 parachutes in the 12-state area they serve. For the men using these 2,000 chutes, it's their job to get out of the aircraft properly, main-

tain proper body position on the ride down, and execute a proper landing.

For Chief Barber's crew, it's up to them to make sure that the equipment gets them to the ground safely.



BrigGen. Clarke

BG Clarke Is New Head WAC

Brigadier General Mary E. Clarke is the new director of the Women's Army Corps.

General Clarke is a native of Rochester, N.Y. and will get her first star and new job August 1.

She entered the Army in 1949 and was previously chief of the WAC branch at MILPERCEN.

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Water (From Page 1)

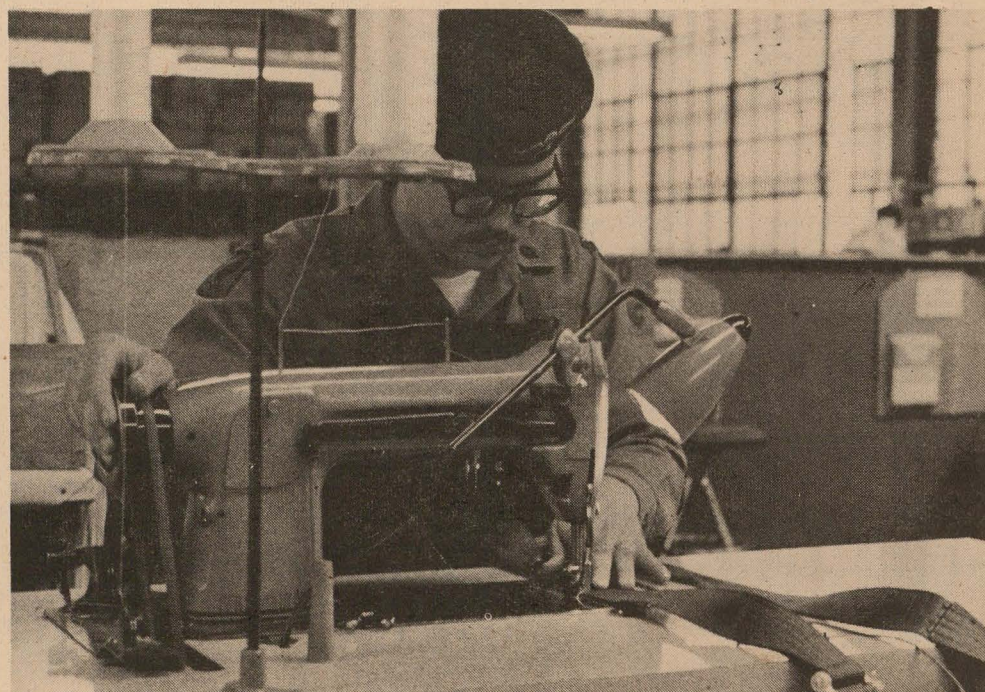
through pipes seven feet in diameter.

The Millbrae plant was constructed three years ago at the cost of eight million dollars. It is electronically designed to be monitored and controlled by one man.

From the master control panel all plant operations can be checked at a glance. A built-in safety system shuts down the entire plant if untreated water leaves the plant for 30 minutes.

The water is received through three-foot wide pipes. It is immediately chlorinated and if necessary, activated carbon is added to improve taste and odor.

In the next tank, the water is agitated by huge propellers while a synthetic chemical (polyelectrolyte) is added to assist removal of dirt and other miscellaneous material.



Sp5 Joel McDargh rebuilds line channels.

SPORTS

Letterman Wins Bowling Title

Letterman Army Medical Center took the intramural bowling crown recently by defeating the 402nd MP Company 4-0 in a rolloff.

Letterman finished first in the Ft. Scott League while the 402nd topped the rival Presidio League.

INTRAMURAL BOWLING (Final)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
402nd MP Company	30	6
525th MI Group	26	10
USACC, AG	23	13
Support Element	22	14
Sixth Army Band	18½	17½
Armed Forces Police	18½	17½
Garrison	16	20
170th MP Company	14	22
CID	6	30
Harbor Craft	6	30

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Letterman	28	8
LAIR	23	13
Support Element #2	22	14
16th Base Post Office	22	14
864th Engineers	22	14
Med Lab	21	15
HHD 504th MP Bn	15	21
ASA	10	26
402nd MP Company #210	26	26
Garrison #2	7	29

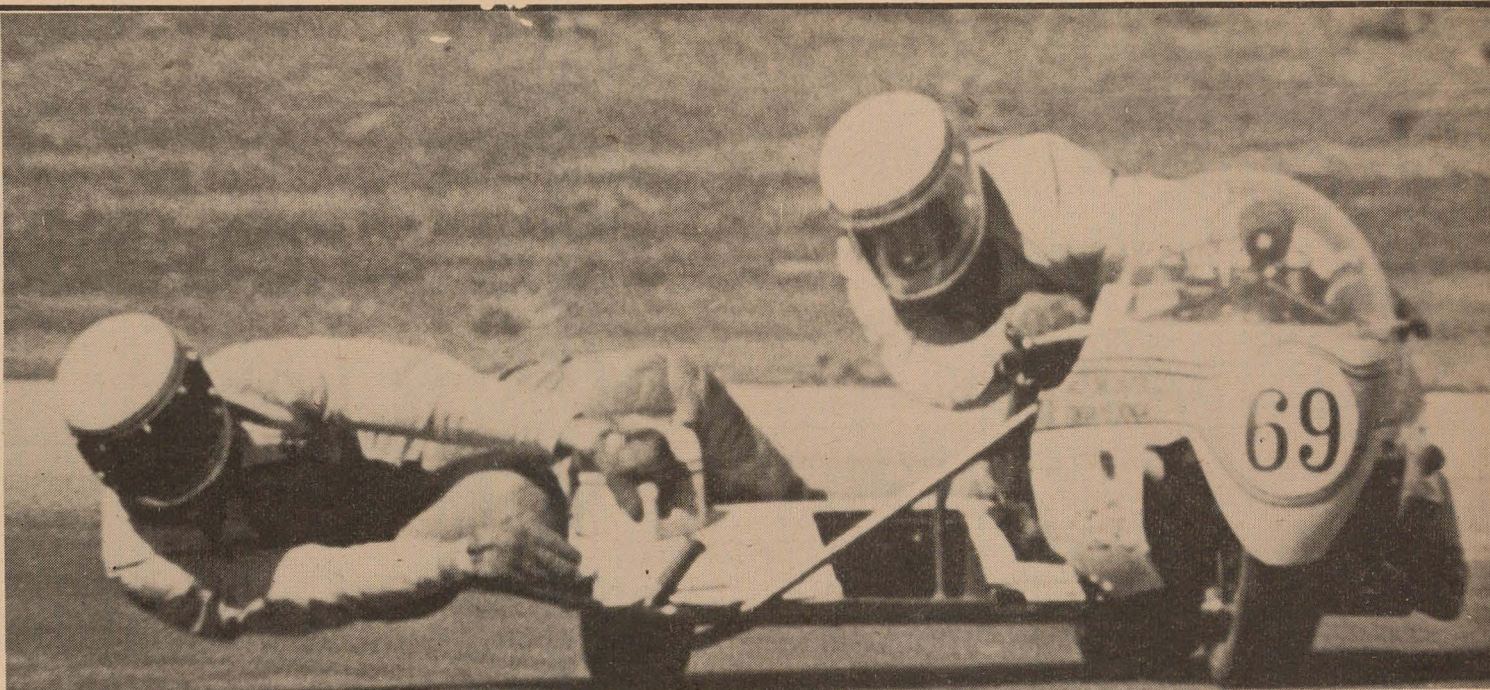
The Fun of "Running For Your Life"

One mile or two miles along Fisherman's Wharf or across the Golden Gate Bridge or through Golden Gate Park can be covered in minutes with a car.

But what does a person see?

What you gain in time you lose in benefit to your body and mind. At a runner's pace you notice things—a boat on the Bay, or the old gun emplacements at the Presidio. The landscape is not just a monotonous blur on either side.

Have you often wanted to look at your surroundings in this way? If so, you may



Speedbike International

Jim McNeal and Sky Kerley of Saugus, Calif. on their 1,000cc Honda-engined outfit demonstrate the kind of form you can see Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3 at Laguna Seca in the Monterey Superbike International. America's top road racing motorcyclists will challenge the twisting 1.9 mile Laguna Seca course at speeds up to 160 miles per hour. Military tickets are \$7 each day at the gate. Heats get underway at 1 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday.

be interested in "Run For Your Life." Call the Post Gym at 4120 or 5032.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL (July 28)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
170th MP Company	10	0
402nd MP Company	8	3
Letterman	7	3
Garrison	6	5
LAIR	5	6
Western Recruiting	3	8
Corps of Engineers	3	8
Support Element	1	10

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
HHD 504th MP Bn	9	1
666th Radar Squadron	8	3
Armed Forces Police	8	3
864th Engineers	7	3
16th Base Post Office	5	6
525th MI Group	3	8
Readiness Region IX	2	8
Med Lab	0	10

Army Secretary Nominee is lawyer & ex-officer

The new Secretary of the Army nominee is a lawyer and former Army officer.

On July 22, the President nominated Defense Department general counsel Martin R. Hoffmann to succeed Howard H. Callaway as Secretary of the Army. Callaway resigned July 3 to head President Ford's re-election campaign.

Hoffmann's appointment must be confirmed by the United States Senate before he can take office.

A former "Screaming Eagle" with the 101st Airborne Division, Hoffmann has served in various government positions since graduating from the University of Virginia law school in 1961.

He has served as a law clerk, an assistant United States Attorney, minority counsel for the House Judiciary Committee, general counsel of the Atomic Energy Commission and legal counsel for Senator Charles H. Percy (R-Illinois).

Prior to being appointed DOD general counsel on March 14, 1974, Hoffmann served as special assistant to the Secretary of Defense and as Deputy Secretary.

Mr. Hoffmann was born April 20, 1932. He received an Army ROTC commission from Princeton in 1954 and served on active duty until 1958. He is married to the former Margaret Ann McCade and has three children.

African Dance Troupe at Headlands

The Gwen Lewis Afro-American Dance Company will open a series of free, Bicentennial Heritage Concerts, Saturday and Sunday, August 2 and 3, at the new Marin Headlands unit of the Golden Gate National Recreational Area (GGNRA).

"We want the concerts to represent some of San Francisco's diverse ethnic and cultural heritage," said GGNRA/Point Reyes General Superintendent William Whalen.

This is the first in a series of five weekend concerts, sponsored by the National Park Service, which will run through October.

The Gwen Lewis concert, beginning at 2 p.m. both days, will feature a narrator explaining the significance of the dances

and some of the ways traditional African dancing has evolved.

This and succeeding concerts will be held on the large, grassy Fort Barry Parade Grounds. Some picnic tables will be available, but Whalen urges families to bring blankets and dress warmly.

Concert-goers from San Francisco can take Muni bus #32 directly to the area. Connecting with Southern Pacific trains, the #32 bus leaves the S.P. depot every 40 minutes on weekends, stopping at the corners of Beach and Hyde, and Lombard and Fillmore streets. The headlands also can be reached by driving north on 101, over the Golden Gate Bridge to the Alexander exit.

Et Colera

Scholarship for POW/MIA kin

WASHINGTON (ANF)—A \$10,000 scholarship for children of Vietnam-era prisoners of war and missing in action has been announced by Purolator Services, Inc., of Lake Success, New York.

The scholarship will provide \$2,500 annually to the winner for a four-year period. A new scholarship will be awarded each year for the next 20 years. The program will continue until all children of POW/MIAs have passed college age.

Further details may be obtained from the scholarship administrator at local high schools.

You can't take it with you? You'd better!

WASHINGTON (ANF)—Soldiers departing on leave must make sure they have a copy of their DA Form 31 in their possession. Many soldiers leaving their installations on PCS moves with leave en route are still neglecting this requirement.

As soldiers in-process at new duty stations, they are required to produce a copy of their "Request and Authority for Leave," DA Form 31. Failure to be able to produce a leave form can delay inprocessing, affect the accuracy of the official leave account for the unit, and may result in a loss of pay for the service member.

The rule for use of the DA Form 31 is simple: If you take leave under any conditions, you must have your DA Form 31 with you at all times.

Hot dog, new COLAs

WASHINGTON (ANF)—The U.S. Civil Service Commission recently announced the following cost-of-living allowances for Federal white-collar workers in the areas indicated below. The changes became effective June 8, 1975.

Alaska: 22.5 per cent for Anchorage, and 25 per cent for the rest of the State.

Hawaii: 12.5 per cent, a reduction from the present rate of 15 per cent.

Allowances paid in the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Guam remain unchanged.

Movie Schedule

PRESIDIO

3 AUG SUN1800	Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50	2100
4 AUG MON1900	THE TOWERING INFERNO (PG) 165 Min.	
5 AUG TUE1900	Steve McQueen Paul Newman William Holden Faye Dunaway	
6 AUG WED1900	THE HOMEBODIES (PG) 96 Min.	
7 AUG THU1900	Peter Brocco Frances Fuller	
8 AUG FRI1900	Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50	
	POSSE (PG) 94 Min.	
	Kirk Douglas Bruce Dern	
9 AUG SAT1400	Walt Disney's	
1800-2000	INCREDIBLE JOURNEY (G) 80 Min.	
	Emile Genest Jolin Drainie	
10AUG SUN1800	Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50	
2000	BREAKOUT (PG) 96 Min.	
11AUG MON1900	Charles Bronson	
12AUG TUE1900	TEN LITTLE INDIANS (PG) 98 Min.	
	Oliver Reed Elke Sommer	
13AUG WED1900	Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50	
14AUG THU1900	Double Feature (R) 187 Min.	
	ENTER THE DRAGON	
	Bruce Lee Jim Kelley	
	& CLEOPATRA JONES	
	Tamara Dobson Brenda Sykes	
15AUG FRI1900	Adults \$.75 Children \$.35	
	THE WAY WE WERE (PG) 118 Min.	
	(Reissue)	
	Barbara Streisand Robert Redford	
16AUG SAT1800	TIMBER TRAMPS (PG) 110 Min.	
2000	Claude Akins Tab Hunter	
16AUG SAT1400	Special Matinee	
	FLIGHT OF THE DOVES (G)	
	(Revival) 105 Min.	
	Ron Moody Jack Wild	
	Dorothy McGuire Stanley Holloway	

SCHWARTZ Theater LETTERMAN

4 AUG MON1900	SHARK'S TREASURE (PG) 95 Min.	
	Cornel Wilde Yaphet Kotto	
5 AUG TUE1900	MR. SUPER INVISIBLE (G) 91 Min.	
	Dean Jones Gastone Moschin	
6 AUG WED1900	Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50	
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Colonel Lodge Takes Over

Colonel Warren J. Lodge assumed command of the Presidio Monday in a brief ceremony at the command conference room. Flanked by his commanders, senior non-commissioned officers and staff chiefs, the slender Armor officer expressed his pleasure at being assigned to the Presidio, but confided that he was one of the few officers in the Army who had never been hopeful enough to list this post on an assignment preference sheet.

In his assumption-of-command address the commander mentioned four areas which would receive his particular attention.

"I'm a tight man with a buck," the colonel stated. He pointed out that tax dollars are scarce and must be wisely spent, and that he will expect good management practices from those charged with administering and managing Presidio dollars.

Colonel Lodge also stated he expects a military appearance from soldiers and a spic and span post. He emphasized the necessity for military haircuts, shined brass and leather and neat quarters areas.

Duty hours also received comment. "It

has been my observation" he stated, "that if people are required to begin work at 0730 that there is a certain amount of preparation time necessary in their office before that time." He announced that he expects that personnel will arrive at work sufficiently before the work day begins in order to be able to begin work on time.

Perhaps the strongest comments were made in regard to the status of the Command Sergeant Major and the enlisted personnel on post. "The Command Sergeant Major works for me and I will treat him as a co-equal." The commander, who wears the good conduct medals of two services on his own chest, clearly made the point that he will use the Command Sergeant Major and the enlisted chain of command for communication with the enlisted ranks.

Following brief introductions to those present, the colonel left the room to begin the tasks of the 200th commander of the oldest active military post in the United States.

Colonel Lodge will reside on post with his wife, Joan and one daughter, Daria, 13. The Lodges also have a son and two married daughters.



Colonel Warren Lodge

Agreement Works to...

Preserve History

The Presidio of San Francisco registered a first last Friday when Colonel John D. Cunningham, Presidio commander handed Michael Doyle of the California State Historic Preservation Office an intermediate-range plan dealing with the preservation of the many historic buildings located on the installation.

The Determination of Effect for the intermediate-range project program will be reviewed by the State and if approved returned to the Presidio.

According to a Department of Army spokesman at the Pentagon, it was the first such plan drawn up at any military installation under the control of the country's armed forces that has dealt with the entire installation as opposed to a building-by-building type planning program.

The plan has been completed by the Presidio's facility engineers under the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 dealing with the "Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment".

The plan concerns not only the protection and preservation of historic buildings on the installation, but also the construction of new facilities and the demolition of

many older buildings of no historical importance.

Facilities slated for construction under the Intermediate Range (Five-Year) program include a commissary, enlisted men's Medical Barracks and consolidated dining facility, facilities engineer complex and a chapel center facility.

Other new construction programed will provide a new San Francisco US Army Criminal Investigations Command Field Operations building, a US Army Criminal Investigations Command Sixth Region Operations building, an annex addition to Letterman Army Medical Center and a Letterman Army Medical Center Regional Health Sciences building.

The planned facilities will adhere to modern concepts of construction utilizing standard plans and designs where applicable, and modified for compatibility with local architectural and site conditions.

Construction plans give extensive consideration to parking areas, access to roads and walks, and the development of open, landscaped green areas for use incident to the operation of the various projects.

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The American War Memorial in Lyndon B. Johnson Place commemorates the U.S. role in the World War II Pacific fighting.

Brisbane

Aussies haven't forgotten U.S. help

Story By Glyn May
Photos By Bob Nicol

Brisbane, AUSTRALIA

They once called it "Little America"—this blossoming sub-tropical Australian city in the sun.

Brisbane, where General Douglas MacArthur planned the strategy that turned the tide of World War II in the Pacific.

Brisbane, the place that was brief home to more than 1,000,000 American servicemen for four dark years between 1942 and 1945.

They camped in the hills, on the racecourse, and along the waterfront. They commandeered a score of city buildings and spilled over the footpaths and into the pubs—a million men on their way to Papua, New Guinea, the Coral Sea and Tokyo.

The older generation of Aussies in Queensland's capitol city recall it with a deep sense of gratitude as "the great Yank invasion". Invaders who introduced them to chewing gum, Coca-Cola and the jitterbug—and rescued their nation from the brink of disaster.

Today, except for the memories, a few monuments, occasional nostalgic visits by former GIs and Australian war brides of American servicemen, little remains to mark some of the most historic years in Brisbane's—and Australia's—history.

At Camp Cable, for instance, 26 miles south-west of Brisbane, peaceful bushland has overgrown the spot where the famous "Red Arrow" 32nd infantry division—nearly 20,000 troops mainly from the States of Wisconsin and Michigan—had the largest single base in Australia.

The only signs that an army once lived there are three small monuments, graphic in their simplicity, and preserved in a typically Australian setting of tall gums and iron bark trees.

U.S.A. Camp Cable
THEY PASSED THIS WAY
1942-1944

Another commemorates, without explanation, the death of a Private Robert Dannenberg in 1942. The third is "In Loving Memory" of a dog, Vicksburg, mascot of A Battery, 120th Field Artillery.

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Ramblin' Sam



What are your feelings on the combining of the NCO/EM and Service Clubs?

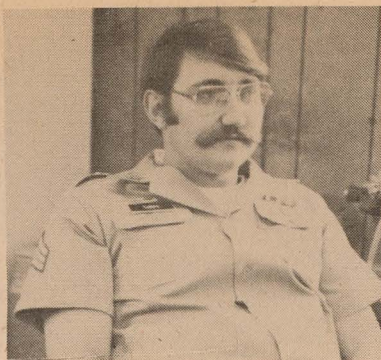
Sgt. Gordon Bender, 864th Engineers:

"I'm rather partial to the idea since I am helping build it. But I really believe the combined clubs will work. The idea should sell and other posts; I would think, should follow suit. Both installations will need good entertainment to attract a crowd, however. The idea of combining them alone won't be enough."



Sp4 Lawrence Smith, Recreations Specialist at Service Club:

"I don't like the idea. Mainly because dependents are probably going to get exposed to some GI who has had 'a few too many' from the NCO/EM Club side. This may prove embarrassing to the individual (later), the dependents and sponsor, and to the combined clubs."



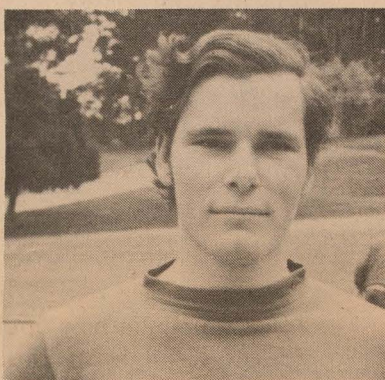
Maj. Timothy Tatum, Protestant Chaplain:

"Though I think it would have been better if the clubs weren't so close to the chapel, I still think we will be good neighbors. Maybe because of the close proximity of the clubs and chapel, there will be more on-post weddings. Then receptions can easily take place at the NCO/EM club, just at the bottom of the hill, right after the wedding in the chapel."



Sp4 Bruce Nelson, Chaplain's assistant:

"I don't think combining two entirely different clubs under the same roof will work. Almost certainly a drunk soldier will stumble into the service club and become very embarrassing to those using it. Only time will tell, of course, but as it is now I won't be bringing my daughter, wife, or myself into the service club."



Sgt. Tom Thorpe, Unit of Choice:

"Personally, I think it's disgusting! The idea is good, but it can't help but spawn problems. I just hope the saving of money, by putting both clubs under the same roof, won't mean scrapping the whole idea later leaving no clubs for anyone."



Presidio News Notes

Presidio Officers' Club

Square Dance in the "O" Club's main dining room from 7:30 to 10 P.M. Wednesday, August 13. Professional callers and dancers. Come dressed casual in your western duds and join the fun.

At the San Francisco USO

A Moonlight Cruise for both married and dating couples is being sponsored by the USO Friday, Aug. 15. The cost is \$13 per person which includes the hour long cruise with entertainment aboard and dinner at one of the famous restaurants of Oakland's Jack London Square. Reservations are limited and will be held for payment no longer than Monday, Aug. 11. The group will leave the USO at 1019 Market St. at 6 P.M. and return at midnight.

Saturday, Aug. 16 is the day scheduled for the big **Western Roundup** for both the San Francisco and Oakland USOs. The cost for the activities is \$6.50 which includes transportation, food, hayride and square dancing. Horse back riding is optional and is \$5.00 per hour. The group will leave San Francisco USO at 1 P.M. and should return around 9 P.M. Deadline for reservations and payment is Wednesday, Aug. 13.

For additional information on these and other activities call the San Francisco USO at 621-0630.

Ed Center

A jewelry making class featuring instruction in wax casting and work with copper and silver will begin at the Ft. Scott Education Center Aug. 15. The four-month class will be held Fridays from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be a \$10 charge for the use of wax and machines. Call 4445 or 2974 for information. Military personnel, dependents and civilians over 18 years old are eligible to enroll.

Plant Identification and Printing

"Plant Identification and Plant Printing," a six-week course in California native plants with Ida Geary, author of "The Leaf Book," begins Wednesday, Aug. 13. Classes are held at the Fort Point Promenade classroom (Bldg. 672) from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Registration is at the first meeting and participants should bring a bag lunch and a hand lens. Plant walks are on Mondays and meet at 10 A.M. at the Golden Gate Bridge toll plaza parking lot on Aug. 18 and 25 and Sept. 2, 8 and 15. Workshops are in the Promenade classroom Tuesdays through Fridays and students choose a workshop day for follow-up botanical techniques. These include plant printing, plant pressing, marine algae floating and compiling a herbarium. The course is sponsored by the San Francisco Community College and is tuition free. For information call 626-0966 or 556-1693.

NCOA Symposium

International programs of the Non Commissioned Officers Association will be discussed in Sacramento at the NCOA's regional symposium Aug. 21-23. Chapter delegates, permanent trustees and resident counselors from the association's seven northern California chapters will attend. A golf tournament is scheduled for Aug. 21 to be followed the next two days by the symposium. Make reservations by calling (916) 922-8041 and signifying they are for the NCOA Symposium. Golf tournament entry, costing \$6, is due Aug. 10. Call (916) 363/2254 or (916) 485-1377.

The "Lariats of Southern California," an exciting young dance group from the Los Angeles area, will appear at the Presidio Recreation Center Aug. 18 at 8 P.M. The group, ranging in age from 8 to 18, will perform folk dances from around the world. The dances vary from the "high fling" of Scotland to the Viennese Waltz, to Tahitian folk dances and the traditional American Square dance. The group has made numerous television appearances and national and international tours.

CAR POOL

Bernice Williams. Glenwood-Oaklawn area of West Lake in Daly City. Will share ride expenses or join car pool. Phone 2108 or 2109.

Driver wanted for established car pool, to and from Presidio. Petaluma or Santa Rosa area. Call C. Spencer Johnson at 2336 or 2405.

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Frances Jamieson. 24th Avenue and Lake Street, S.F. to Ft. Baker. Will share expenses. Telephone: 751-7413 (after 6 p.m.).

Margaret Lyons. 900 block, Key Avenue, Bayview District, San Francisco. Will join car pool or share ride and expenses. Phone 5545.

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd., Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518, (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg. 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing carpool.

SP5 Eugenia Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland, telephone: 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

ACTION LINE

The Commander's Action Line is available to help with problems or answer questions. Anyone (troops, families, civilian employees) with a Presidio-related problem that cannot be solved through the chain of command can telephone or write and get action.

Dial the 24-hour phone service: L-I-N-E, or send your questions to:

**Action Line
Information Office
Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129**



From **THIS** to...



...**THIS**

Presidio's NCO/EM Club moves Aug. 8 from its former location (left) across from the Letterman swimming pool to the revamped service club (Bldg. 135) shown on the right. It will share the building with the post recreation center. Designed to boost patronage at both activities, the co-location will offer pool, pong-pong, a ticket information and discount service as well as the bar and dining facilities of the NCO/EM Club.



Cathy Williams

Listen and Help

Drug Specialist learns to...

By C.D. Steen

When Cathy J.M. Williams leaves her job for the day at the Rap Center, she can't always just leave her work and problems there to be tackled another time. She may find herself awakened at two in the morning by someone with a personal problem such as drugs or alcohol.

But it is all right with Cathy. This is to be expected in her job as a 91G20, a behavioral science specialist. Counseling people with drug, alcoholic or other personal problems is a 24-hour a day job!

"The job sometimes takes a lot out of me," says the 20-year-old Specialist 4 from Shiloh, Ohio. "But I love it because I love people and I want to help those who want and need help."

Cathy (or "Cats" as most people call her) works with Sp6 Tony Rockwell, another counselor, and together they help people see and understand evident and latent drug and alcoholic problems.

"Active service, retired, and dependents are available to us," said Cathy, who has been at her job on the Presidio for over a year and a half.

"When a person comes in knowing they have a problem and wish us to help them, their battle is half over. We counsel them, get pertinent background information on the matter, and help them decide what is the best course to take. If the problem is serious enough, we get the person admitted to Letterman Hospital.

"The hardest people to work with, I've found, is a command referral case. Many times these people will not admit to their problem, no matter how obvious. Unless they acknowledge there is something wrong, it's extremely difficult, if not impossible, to cope with it. But we try."

"It's not always a drug or alcohol problem with some people needing help," claims Cathy. "Many times we get young soldiers who are having difficulty adjusting to military life and want somebody to talk to about it. Sometimes their problem is profound enough that they want to commit suicide. Usually, Tony or I will listen to their problem, which is what most just want us to do. We then refer them to other sources where they can be helped more."

Most of the time problems are relayed over the phone and Cathy is able to gather necessary information on the line. People not wishing to come into the Rap Center can be seen privately wherever they wish, and Cathy or Tony will meet them.

Other times people may just walk in and "rap" about a problem, or just to talk about anything.

"That's one reason we why we call Building 201 the Rap Center," said Williams. "We like people just to come into a friendly environment, sit down to a cup of coffee, and talk. We are good listeners. People don't have to talk about their problems, but we are there if they want to."

Cathy Williams does get away from it all once in a while. She said when time allows she indulges in sports. "Softball, basketball, and roller skating are my loves," admits Cathy with a wide smile.

She doesn't limit her free time to only sports, however. She is dedicated to continuing her college courses for an eventual degree in Public Relations at San Francisco State College.

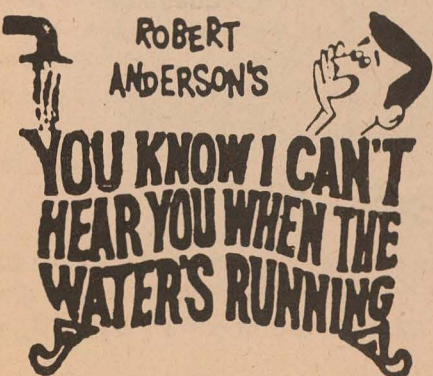
New Playhouse Tryouts

The Music and Theatre Branch of Recreation Services will hold tryouts for "YOU KNOW I CAN'T HEAR YOU WHEN THE WATER'S RUNNING" on August 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The Presidio Players' production will be the opening play in the "new" Presidio Playhouse, located in Building 385, across the street from the Post Movie Theatre.

"YOU KNOW I CAN'T HEAR YOU...." is a warm-hearted quartet of hilarious short plays by Robert Anderson and will be directed "in-the-round" by Major Bob Brock. Casting calls for seven men and six women and tryouts are open to anyone interested. Those interested in backstage technical positions should also attend the tryouts. The opening date has been set for September 26.

For further information concerning tryouts and participation with the Presidio players, call the Playhouse at Extension 3992.



Historic

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Slated for destruction are three permanent, five semi-permanent, and 78 deteriorating temporary structures in order to provide space for the new facilities. The plan insures that while the destruction of and alteration to a minor portion of the historic property will occur, only temporary and non-historical structures will be affected.

The plan also guarantees that no isolation from or alteration of the environment surrounding the historic properties will occur and that no visual, audible or atmospheric elements will be introduced that are out of character with the property and its historic and beautiful setting.

The program presented to Mr. Doyle last Friday has drawn the support not only of Pentagon officials in Washington but of the National Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

A twenty-member group from that organization will visit the Presidio during mid-August for a briefing on the Presidio's programs in support of historic buildings and facilities.

The group's interest in the Presidio stems from its status as a registered national landmark since October 2, 1962.

Movie Schedule

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8 AUG FRI 1900	POSSE (PG)	94 Min.
	Kirk Douglas Bruce Dern	
9 AUG SAT 1400 1800-2000	Walt Disney's INCREDIBLE JOURNEY (G) 80 Min.	
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10 AUG SUN 1800 2000	Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50 BREAKOUT (PG) 96 Min.	
11 AUG MON 1900	Charles Bronson	
12 AUG TUE 1900	TEN LITTLE INDIANS (PG) 98 Min.	
	Oliver Reed Elke Sommer	
13 AUG WED 1900	Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50 Double Feature (R) 187 Min.	
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	Bruce Lee Jim Kelley & CLEOPATRA JONES	
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15 AUG FRI 1900	Adults \$.75 Children \$.35 THE WAY WE WERE (PG) 118 Min.	
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	Barbara Streisand Robert Redford	
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16 AUG SAT 1400	Special Matinee FLIGHT OF THE DOVES (G)	
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	Ron Moody Jack Wild Dorothy McGuire Stanley Holloway	
17 AUG SUN 1800 2130	Adults \$1 Children 50¢ THE EIGER SANCTION (R)	
18 AUG MON 1900	Clint Eastwood George Kennedy	
19 AUG TUE 1900		
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	Leif Erickson Dawn Wells	

SCHWARTZ Theater LETTERMAN

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Brisbane...

City Remembers

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In the heart of Brisbane city each day around 7 A.M., a cleaner uncaps a can of Brasso and polishes a plaque screwed to the black-flecked marble entrance of the Australian Mutual Provident Society Building at 299 Queen Street.

"SECOND WORLD WAR, 1939-1945", it says. "In this building, General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander, Allied Forces, South West Pacific, established his headquarters on 21st July 1942, and here he formulated the initial plans which led to final victory over the Japanese forces on 15 August, 1945.

A few blocks away, in George Street, was Lennons Hotel where MacArthur lived for 3 for 3½ years.

It's a lot different from the city described in the official diary of the U.S. Army 648th Engineers when they marched into Brisbane for the first time in 1942:

"...to us, the city of Brisbane at first was an astonishing mixture of ancient iron balconies...horse carts, department stores and big modern trams...and quaint 1890-style signs on dingy corner stores....at night we used to drink with the Aussies in their canteen, some of the best Aussies we were ever to meet. They knew



The heart of Brisbane, with the city clock tower.



One of the Camp Cable monuments where 20,000 troops, mainly from Michigan and Wisconsin, were based.

well enough what war was all about, having returned from three years fighting in the Middle East."

For Americans who first saw Brisbane from the deck of a ship as it steamed into the wide mouth of the Brisbane River, the scene today would be barely recognisable. The population of Brisbane today is about 942,000, more than double its immediate post-war figure.

An American visitor, though, would probably notice the five-foot high American eagle which stands majestically atop a strategically-sited 30-foot memorial in Newstead Park, close to the spot where thousands of troops disembarked. The monument was the first erected in Australia in 1951 to commemorate America's war in the Pacific.

It, too carries the simple message THEY PASSED THIS WAY. It adds: "This

monument was erected by the people of Queensland in grateful memory of the contribution made by the people of the United States of America to the defense of Australia during the 1939-45 war. Long may it stand as a symbol of unity of English speaking peoples in the cause of freedom."

The once-traditional Australian-style bar designed to allow consumption of the greatest possible amount of beer in the shortest possible time under the worst possible conditions has given way to sophisticated international hotel standard drinking, intimate cocktail bars, pool terraces, night clubs and a score of world-class dining out places.

Ironically, the two largest commercial shareholders in Queensland's future in terms of investment and export markets, are Japan and the U.S.A.

SPORTS

T. I. All Star Tournaments

Treasure Island Naval Station recently hosted two youth "Bantam" baseball tournaments with teams entered from the Presidio, Treasure Island and Alameda Naval Air Station.

Presidio won the 10-12 year old tournament while Treasure Island took the title for 8-10 year olds.

Presidio swept through four straight games on the way to its title, relying on strong hitting, defense and pitching. Tourney officials presented a trophy to the team and medals to each of its 15 members.

Presidio finished second to Treasure Island in the Minor Bantam tournament Aug. 2 and 3. It was a close battle with a tie-breaker deciding the first place team.

Treasure Island beat the Presidio in that game 9-2 to win the tournament with a 5-1 record. The Presidio was 4-2.

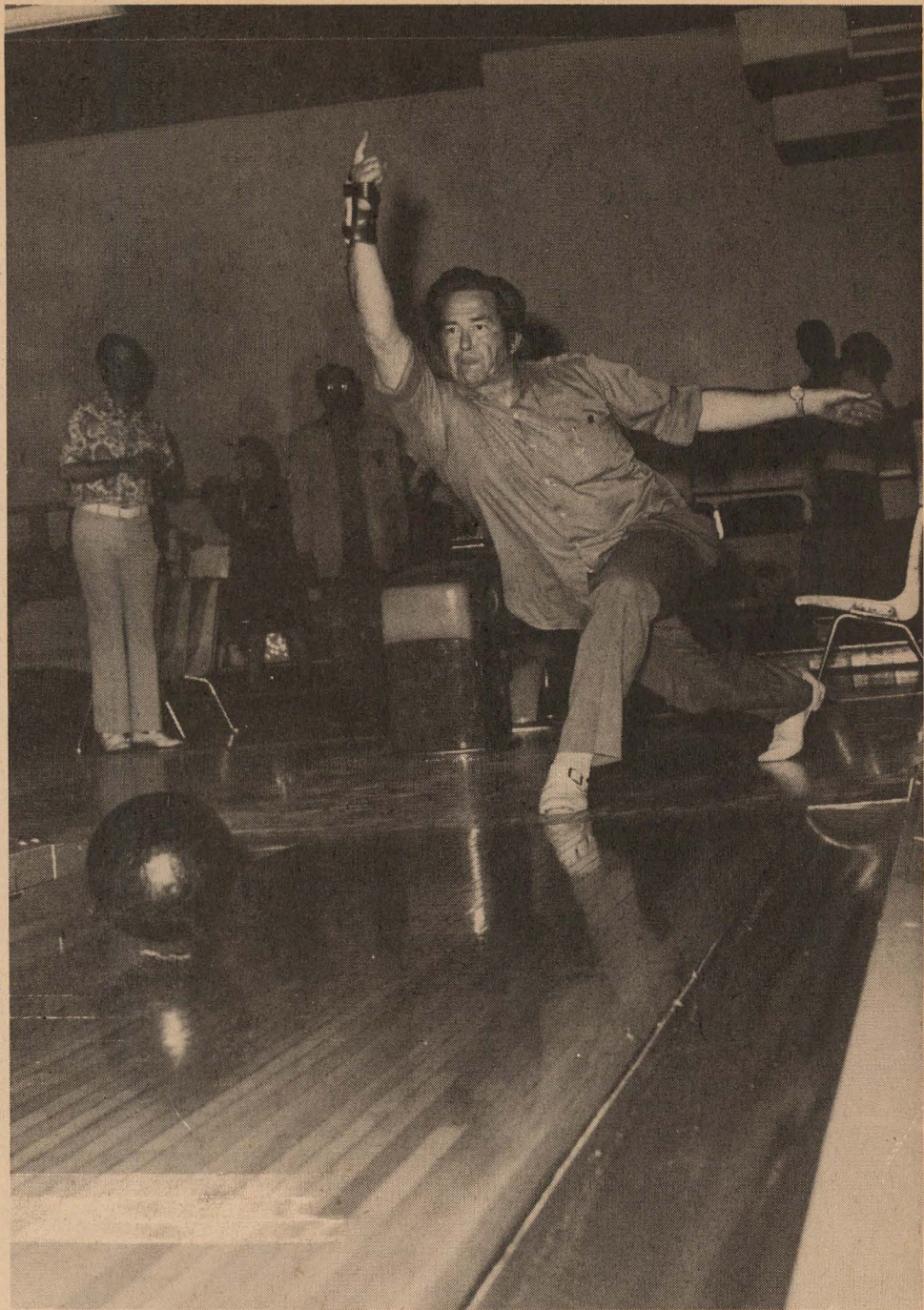
Youth Softball For Girls

All girls between the ages of 10 and 17 who desire to compete in girls' slow-

pitch softball are requested to contact the youth activities director at 4120 or 5032. If a sufficient number of girls are interested, the Presidio will organize a team to participate in the San Francisco City League.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL (Aug. 4)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
170th MP Company	12	0
402nd MP Company	8	4
Letterman	7	5
Garrison	6	6
LAIR	6	6
Western Recruiting	4	8
Corps of Engineers	4	8
Support Element	1	11
Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
HHD 504th MP Bn.	10	1
666th Radar Squadron	9	3
864th Engineers	8	3
Armed Forces Police	9	4
16th Base Post Office	5	9
Readiness Region IX	3	9
525th MI Group	3	9
Med Lab	1	10



Bowling A Perfect 300

Robert West shows the form he used to roll a perfect game at the Presidio Bowling Center Tuesday night. It was the first 300 rolled at the Presidio alley since its opening in 1960. West, a retired Navy petty officer from Daly City, is ordinarily a 191 bowler.

Support the Olympic Team

Acknowledgment Awards for All Contributions. Please Check.

- For single contribution of \$2.00
 - ☐ Traditional Olympic pin, colorfully enameled
- For single donation of \$5.00
 - ☐ Embroidered cloth emblem marking 1976 Games
- For single donation of \$10
 - ☐ Gold and black wall or desk plaque
- For single contribution of \$25.00
 - ☐ Heavy gold-plated cuff links and tie-tac in 7/8" circle
 - ☐ There are numerous other Acknowledgment Awards for contributions of larger amounts. All contributions will be acknowledged with distinctive and appropriate awards with the U.S. 1976 Olympic theme

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Right! I want to see U.S.A.'s best at the 1976 Olympic Games. My check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed and I have marked my selection of contributor acknowledgment award.

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Kindly make your check payable to: U.S. Olympic Committee. All donations are deductible for Income Tax purposes.

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Friday, Aug. 15, 1975

Post begins new. . .

Taxi Service

Taxi service has been started on the Presidio and military persons needing a lift for official business may call 2864 and request either a sedan, station wagon, or pickup truck.

According to Second Lieutenant Robbie Bazer, motor officer, the taxi service was started when a FORSCOM survey found that some organizations on post had unused or unneeded vehicles that should be turned in.

Lt. Bazer said the service will be available to all units on post that have no vehicles, and to replace transportation needs for units losing theirs.

Started two weeks ago, the taxi service is not new here. It was discontinued when a lack of funds for taxi service became a road block, mostly due to pay-

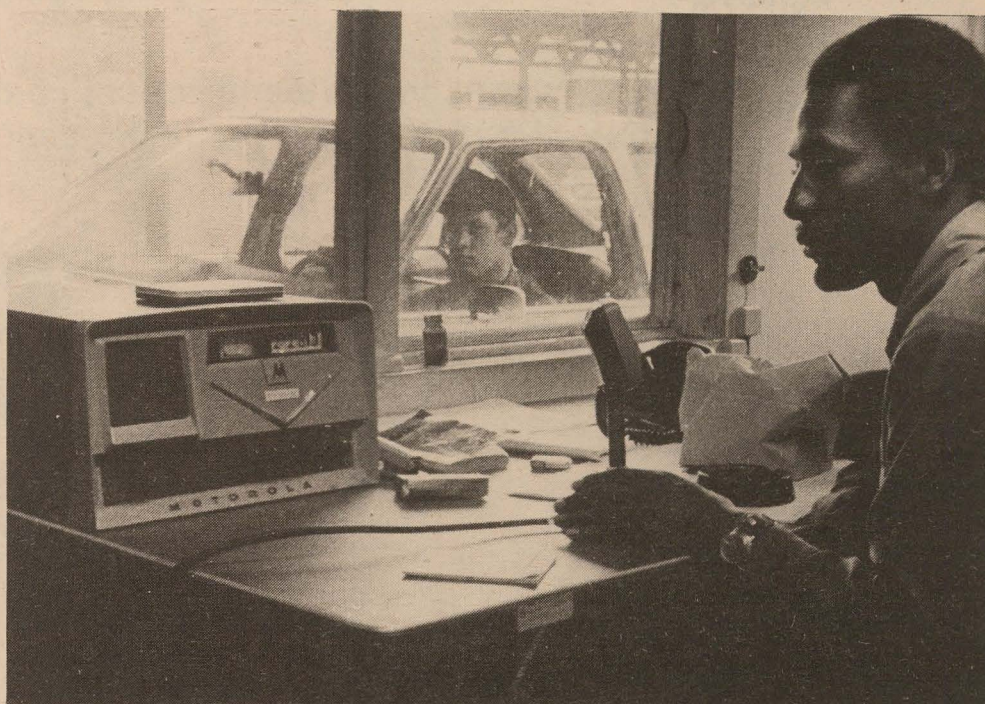
ment for civilian drivers.

The taxi service works like its civilian counterpart. All one has to do is pick up the phone and dial the number. The dispatcher will send a vehicle and driver to pick you up.

Pickups are limited to the Presidio and Forts.

Right now, there are only five vehicles—two sedans, two station wagons, and one pickup truck. There are six drivers available plus a stand-by.

The dispatcher, Specialist 4 Harvey Miller, said that requesters may come directly to the taxi dispatching office, located within the motor pool compound. He mentioned the service is fast, with minimum waiting.



Sp4 Harvey Miller, dispatcher for the Presidio's new taxi service, stands by the radio while a taxi and driver backs out of garage on the way to a pickup.

Lt. Bazer added that eventually civilian funding is granted to the taxi service, it still drivers will be reinstated if funding becomes may remain operational, using military available. If successful, but not enough drivers.



The rather drab interior of the USAG dining facility will have a drastic face lift over the next couple of months.

*Award winning mess sergeant
makes difference*

Garrison Dining Hall Changes

The Army Garrison dining facility will close for renovations on August 22nd. Its operations will shift to building 617, between Post Exchanges one and three.

When the old dining facility opens again in about two months, users will notice several changes. The ceiling will be lowered with hanging plants installed. Indirect lighting will reflect off panelled walls and carpets in the dining area. Stereo music will sound from hidden speakers. There will be pictures on the walls, a pastry box and built-in serving line. Class "A" and short order meals will be served with both the noon and evening meals. A new microwave oven will be installed in the kitchen and two serving lines will be open.

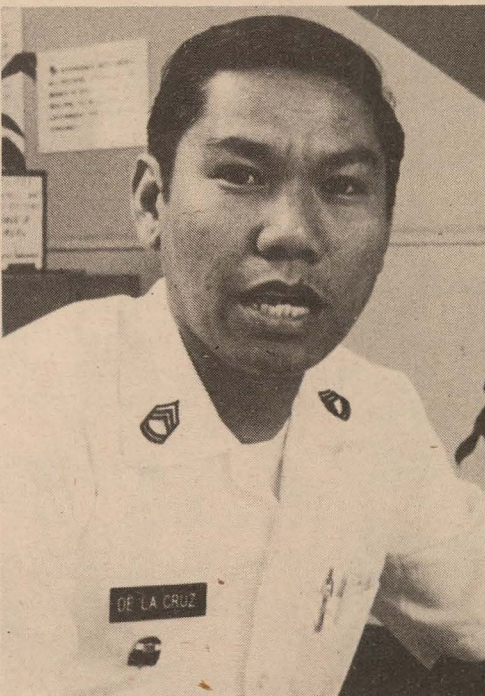
If all these changes sound like something out of a VOLAR dream, don't be surprised. Most of them come from the head of a man who believes in serving the troops—Sergeant First Class Luciano De La Cruz. He has spent 12 years in Army food service. In that time, his dining halls have been given awards as the best in

Europe and the best in the Army. His secret, as he says, is "good human relations and good administration".

The human relations side is demonstrated as he rushes off to help the civilian workers clean off trays or chop lettuce. They say he does it all the time. He's a participatory supervisor. As he is being interviewed, a young servicewoman comes in to ask his advice on a meal she plans to cook for some friends of her husband. He takes several minutes to point out easier methods for some of the dishes she was considering.

Part of this inborn hospitality he displays may come from De La Cruz's pre-Army jobs in food service at the Hawaii Hilton and here in San Francisco. He instills in his subordinates that pride comes with working in a fine establishment.

The reason for all this? Says Sergeant First Class De La Cruz, "I just want to give this place an air of hospitality for the troops."



SFC Luciano De La Cruz, NCOIC of USAG dining facility.

Post drive set for Aug. 22-24

Cleanup Campaign

The Presidio will conduct a clean-up campaign August 22-24. Colonel Warren J. Lodge, post commander, has directed units and personnel residing in government quarters to fully support the program.

The objective of the clean-up effort, emphasized Colonel Lodge, is to return the post to a proper state of beauty and to insure it is an area in which all can take pride.

In addition to a general clean-up of the installation, housing occupants are directed by Colonel Lodge to make a concerted effort to beautify the area surrounding their own homes.

Each family quarters occupant is responsible for police to a point midway to the adjacent quarters or to a distance of 25 yards, and to the center line of the street.

The Directorate of Facilities Engineering has scheduled trucks for special trash and debris removal pick-up in the housing areas during the clean-up campaign.

Colonel Lodge has stressed that all areas will be maintained in the highest state of cleanliness. This includes public areas as well as those areas not normally seen.

Grass should be watered, lawns mowed and trimmed and curbs and gutters swept.

Colonel Lodge has instructed that equipment, such as lawnmowers, grass seed, etc., will be made available for use to bring quarters up to acceptable standards.

Supervisors will be encouraged to allow quarters residents time off from noon Friday to allow work Friday afternoon and through the weekend of the 23rd and 24th.

Commanders of tenant units of the installation should follow suit.

Residents who have questions concerning the care or trimming of shrubbery and trees should contact the post agronomist, Mr. Choun, at 3372. Take aluminum cans and paper to the Recycling Center, Bldg. 204. The center is usually open the first and third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are large bins in front of the building which can be used to dump cans and newspapers at any time.

Forts Barry, Baker, and Cronkhite will also take part in the clean-up as part of the general effort throughout all facilities and tenant units of the Presidio.

INSPECTION PROGRAM TO PUT TEETH IN CLEAN-UP EFFORT.

An officer and a senior noncommissioned officer will visit designated housing areas on a daily basis beginning August 18. Quarters found deficient will receive a letter from the post commander listing problem areas. Follow-up letters and re-inspections will insure deficiencies are corrected.

Ramblin' Sam



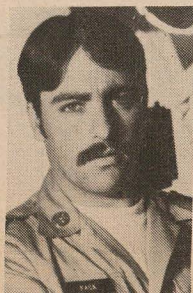
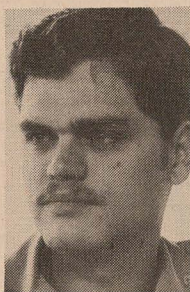
What should the new post commander's first concern be on the Presidio?

Sp5 Sam Baker, post IO: "I should hope it would be the overall welfare of the troops in his command. Especially the various discrepancies between enforcement of regulations with his own troops and troops of the various tenant commands. There have, in the past, been gross discrepancies between, say, the hair length issue between Garrison and Letterman."



Mrs. Cecilia Anderson, post adjutant office: "I wish he would look into some more and better pedestrian walk ways around the post. There are places where pedestrians are forced to walk in the street because of the lack of sidewalks."

Sp4 Carl Benefiel, 402nd MP Co.: "It might not be his first concern, but I think a snack bar service that caters only to the military is in order. Prices at places such as the main cafeteria are as high as outside prices and I think the main reason is that it caters to anybody, civilian or military."



Sp5 Robert Pack, attached to post photographic facility: "His first and probably his most important concern is his mission as commander. Everything else is second."

Presidio News Notes

Wives Club to Welcome Mrs. Lodge

The Presidio of San Francisco Enlisted Wives Club will hold a welcoming tea for the new post commander's wife, Mrs. Warren Lodge, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. in the Presidio NCO/EM Club (Bldg. 135).

Enlisted wives of all services are invited. Please make reservations by noon Aug. 22. Call Nellie Gerru at 561-4489, Sue Wilson at 561-2347 or Herta Stuhler at 561-4090.

New OER Form Delayed

Use of a new officer efficiency report (OER) form, previously set for Jan. 1, 1976, is being delayed indefinitely to allow field testing of the new form.

Current estimates are that it will be in use in 1976 or early 1977.

About 2,000 officers will be surveyed to get more information about the officer's corps attitude toward the form's new innovations.

New features in the proposed OER include rated officer input, separation of information provided by rater and endorser, an expanded role for the reviewer and descriptive rather than numerical ratings.

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Colonel Warren J. Lodge, commander
Major Michael J. Williams, information officer
Sp4 David M. Ruff, editor
Sp4 Carol Cronin, reporter

New Utility Cap Sought

The search is on for a new utility cap and the DA must now approve non-standard headgear designed to raise esprit de corps.

The Army has allotted \$50,000 to develop and test a replacement for the current utility cap which was adopted in 1964.

Units already wearing non-standard headgear such as berets, colored baseball caps or stetson cavalry caps may continue to do so but new requests require DA approval.

Soldier of the Month

Sp4 Javed P. Shah of LAIR is Presidio Soldier of the Month for August.



"Troublemakers" Will Serve Overseas

The Army has adjusted its overseas assignment policy to make soldiers previously banned from overseas duty eligible for worldwide assignment.

A recent ARMY STUDY ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOUND THAT THE OLD ASSIGNMENT POLICY REWARDED "troublemakers" by not requiring them to serve overseas. It recommended that soldiers should be eligible for worldwide assignment if they don't require immediate discharge.

Complaints from the field were that qualified soldiers were being sent overseas to replace troops sent to the States because of personal behavior.

In the past, some soldiers were denied overseas assignments because of personal problems, inadequacy, denied reenlistment or drug problems. Soldiers stationed in Europe with drug abuse problems no longer face banishment to the U.S. if they can be rehabilitated.

CAR POOL

Bernice Williams. Glenwood-Oaklawn area of West Lake in Daly City. Will share ride expenses or join car pool. Phone 2108 or 2109.

Driver wanted for established car pool to and from Presidio. Petaluma or Santa Rosa area. Call C. Spencer Johnson at 2336 or 2405.

ACTION LINE

Q. Why doesn't the Ft. Scott Bowling Center have an air conditioning system installed? Even on the coolest of days outside, it is too hot inside to enjoy league bowling.

Sp5 K.D. Glass

A. The Presidio Bowling Center is a "temporary" building that was converted in 1959. This building currently has a fan ventilation system that circulates the outside air throughout. The cost to air condition a building this size is not justified, as a new bowling center is on the master plan for future construction.

Due to the generally cool climate in this area, and the relatively few days when the weather exceeds 70° at PSF, the expenditure of funds for an air conditioner is not justified.

L.D. Bowen,
Deputy Director, DIO

Q. Why did the post commissary discontinue the use of the "maze system" at the merchandise check out counters? For approximately two weeks now, the commissary management has reverted back to the old system of "lining up" straight back of each operating cashier counter. This procedure has created unwarranted hinderances to all patrons. For example, any back log of customers awaiting check out (usually caused by shortage of cashiers or peak period shopping) creates lines that form along the aisles normally used by customers to select food products. i.e., frozen dinners, ice cream, juices, vegetables, etc. It also creates "traffic jams" within other areas of the commissary. I've queried commissary personnel on what was the reasoning behind eliminating the "maze system", and the only answer I could get was, "orders from the higher ups". With the ultimate conversion of the commissary to be self-sustaining on/about Oct. 75, I feel that "maze system" check out procedures should be utilized and improvements there-on be made as required. The "straight back" line up procedures now being used is archaic and is not conducive to efficient commissary operation.

CW3 Robert C. Lew

A. The "maze" has not been discontinued. It was temporarily down during and after new check stands were installed. These stands are larger than previous model and take more space. It is intended to continue the "maze" even though it will not be as deep as previous installation. Thank you for your comments. They were especially timely as we were weighing the maze value."

Richard H. Ber, Commissary Officer

Q. There is a commissary policy against removing grocery carts from commissary area yet nobody interferes with people carting their groceries from the commissary to the bus stop by the bank. There are a half dozen carts there now. Since nobody is apparently going to prevent this, couldn't the carts be secured or collected at the bus stop periodically?

Vi Sheridan, Information Office

A. Commissary personnel pick up shopping carts from the Presidio area on a periodic basis.

Richard H. Ber, Commissary Officer

The Commander's Action Line is available to help with problems or answer questions. Anyone (troops, families, civilian employees) with a Presidio-related problem that cannot be solved through the chain of command can telephone or write and get action.

Dial the 24-hour phone service: L-I-N-E, or send your questions to:

**Action Line
Information Office
Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129**

Frances Jamieson. 24th Avenue and Lake Street, S.F. to Ft. Baker. Will share expenses. Telephone: 751-7413 (after 6 p.m.).

Dena Winham. 41st and Lincoln Way, S.F. Will share expenses. Telephone: 561-3551 (work).

Margaret Lyons. 900 block, Key Avenue, Bayview District, San Francisco. Will join car pool or share ride and expenses. Phone 5545.



U.S. Army photos by C.D. Steen

Co-location Completed

Numerous individuals cram the main dining area of the new NCO & Enlisted Club and Recreation Center, opened last Friday, while two couples, favoring a quieter setting, relax in the upstairs lounge, just above the dining area. The NCO/EM Recreation Center, co-located under the same roof of building 135, will hopefully bolster attendance to both clubs. Skyrocketing

prices and operational costs, and the lack of patrons nearly sank the both clubs, operating

alone. Together, they can operate with less expense. Each club, separated only by two glass doors, have as much, if not more, activities as the old clubs but in a more fancy atmosphere.



Opening for 116 youngsters

Post Pre-school

By Carol Cronin

More than 100 three to six-year-old military dependents are starting their education early this year. They are pupils in the Preschool Kindergarten program carried on here.

The education is accomplished through a variety of mediums, including typical classroom instruction, demonstrations, participation, and field trips. There are science classes on magnets, insects, and health.

The children cook something once a week, among other crafts. They also develop perception by learning to work with two, and then three dimensional art.

Field trips occur regularly to such places as the fire station, the post greenhouse, and the dental clinic. In keeping with the open classroom idea, they have free art projects where they are given different materials with which to experiment and create.

In addition to the Educational Director and the school staff, the Governing Council, which is made up largely of parents, formulates the educational policy and program.

There is a great deal of cooperation

between the parents and the staff. There are six well qualified teachers who are enthusiastic about the program. Some of the mothers volunteer time as teacher's aides to allow for more complex projects.

This is a non-appropriated fund activity, which means that it is self-supporting. The school is maintained through tuition fees which vary depending on the number of hours the child spends at the school each day.

The morning session (three hours) is \$40 a month, and involves the academic part of the program. The afternoon is the arts and crafts session and tuition is \$80 a month. A parent car also pay 75 cents an hour for overlapping hours.

The school is located in two buildings beside the Nursery and the Thrift Shop. These are military buildings but the school pays for the utilities and maintenance. The space in these buildings limits enrollment to 116 students.

Some consideration has been given to beginning a first grade class, which would be more convenient than the downtown public schools, but would also require a tuition fee.



Nearly completed, the new bus terminal on Lincoln Boulevard will soon shelter the many bus passengers expected to use it.

New Bus Station

The new bus stop located on Lincoln Drive, between the fire station and the cafeteria is completed and ready for use. The Spanish-motif stucco structure is replacing the previous metal shelter. Both military and civilian bus passengers will be able to take advantage of the new facility.

Colonel Robert V. Kane, the former post commander, and Post Sergeant Major, Simon Beer, initiated the planning, and decided on the Spanish style since it is in keeping with much of the other

architecture on the Post. However, the Operations Office of the 864th Engineering Battalion designed the bus stop, and the 2nd Platoon of D Company, same battalion, built it. It was originally intended to be completed for the Army Bicentennial Celebration, but other commitments delayed completion until now.

The Presidio Exchange Office intends to install vending machines in the enclosed area shortly. This will include cold drink, candy, and potato chip machines.

S. F. Youths For Drug Program

Two young bay area women and a teacher from a local high school have been selected to attend a pilot drug abuse training program from August 18-22 in Jacksonville, Alabama. The trip is being paid for by the Army because both the students and the teacher attend George Washington High School, where a majority of Presidio dependent teenagers go to school.

Dependent teens from military installations around the world have been selected to attend this five-day workshop at Jacksonville State University. Depending on the response, Department of the Army will decide whether to expand its involvement.

The teens, according to Sergeant First

Class Harold F. Dill of the post Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (ADAP), will receive training which will enable them to teach other students and those students to teach their peers. This is known as the Lancastrian system, after Joseph Lancaster, a nineteenth century English educator.

SFC Dill said he welcomes this workshop because cutbacks in Federal funds have forced cancellation of several other ADAP programs. He said that, whether or not it was warranted, San Francisco was often thought of in other cities as a drug mecca. This program, he stressed, is an effort to use peer communication to bring about the best results in drug abuse prevention.

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A doctor's view on. . .

Military Kids & Pre-school Physicals

By Colonel Henry C. Reister III, MC

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Each year the Medical Department and parents get ready for the business of school physicals. Having watched this activity for many years now, I think I should share some observations about the potential gains and some of the pitfalls of the process.

First of all, Army kids go through this process with an unnecessary frequency. Often they undergo a physical every two years when in general most school systems really require physicals only at age five and before junior high school. Our kids get the extra exams because they change schools and school districts.

Youth is a period of general good health. When the well baby process is complete at about 18 months, a child's next full physical comes at five years—which coincides with school entry. After that exam they should be completely examined at ages eight and 12.

It would seem that if all military dependent kids had physicals routinely in the birthday months of their fifth, eighth and 12th years, then, on the basis of these exams, they could be certified for school participation wherever they moved. It should work, but only if every military medical facility would accept the obligation—which is of course a high level

decision.

In reality we probably do just as much work under present conditions—that is, when we have school physical days at major posts and see as many kids as we can, at any age, to try to keep up with mobility.

Occasionally the numbers are increased by parents bringing in children to get them a physical when neither the schools nor medical recommendation suggests it.

A "school physical" as we know it in the context of mass evaluation, is an opportunity to detect the unsuspected maladies of youth. It is a physical once-over to find the unsuspected impediment to normal development and satisfactory school performance. As such it emphasizes lab tests and measurements—which statistical studies show to reveal more significant problems than the doctor's evaluation. The doctor's evaluation is focused on elements not subject to lab evaluation—freedom from infection, normal heart, lungs, skeletal system and maturation.

It is of course helpful to the medical people if parents alert the staff to problems noted in the past or to questions about major health problems. On the other hand, what is very often encour-

tered is a parent who is using the "school physical" as an all-purpose medical shopping trip. So it might be useful to state some things that a school physical is not.

It is not a time for medication refills for chronic problems. Nor is it an appropriate time to discuss such problems unless they have a direct effect on the learning process. Chronic problems are for regular appointments. They wreck the flow of school physicals, but more important to the parent is the fact that the doctor does not have the time to discuss them properly. Therefore parents will need the appointment anyway.

It is not a time for the evaluation and or treatment of intercurrent annoying minor diseases such as colds, rashes, allergies and the like. We have other opportunities for these problems and introducing them for care at school physical time robs others of a fair share of time.

The physician is going to be concerned about major systems, sensory abilities (especially hearing and sight), and social indices of maturation. He may be more interested in seeing how well the child will take his shirt off, and with how little fuss or fear, than he is in how many sore throats the child has had. A school physical is

targeted on letting the school and the parent know that normal performance can be expected.

In summary, school physicals are a detective session to find any conditions which might prevent routine participation in the learning process. Parents should give clues as to worries they may have related to this process. They shouldn't use the school physical as a catch-all visit because they won't get their money's worth and the overall process will suffer. Regular clinic services should be used for management of known chronic disorders or minor intercurrent illness.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Letterman Army Medical Center is booked for pre-school physicals through Oct. 22. Those desiring appointments after that date should call Central Appointments at 5381. A urine specimen, shot record and a form available at the pediatrics clinic must be brought in two weeks before the physical—but not on Wednesdays. Additional instructions for first grade physicals are necessary and can be obtained by calling pediatrics at 3712 after getting a date with Central Appointments.

SPORTS

Army Trackmen At Pan Am Trials

Ten members of the U.S. Army track team who trained for the interservice meet will compete in the Pan American Trials this week at Eugene, Ore.

Two of the athletes, Mike Louisiana and Barry McClure, are stationed at the Presidio. Louisiana is with the 504th MP Battalion while McClure is assigned to the 16th Base Post Office.

All ten Army men have trained at the Presidio since April of this year. They are the remnants of a 30-man Army squad that won the Interservice Track and Field Championship in June.

At Eugene, they are scheduled to enter in seven different events with the winners and runners-up going to Mexico City for the Pan American Games in October.

Rounding out the Army contingent are dash man Louis Wilson, distance runner Gerry Garcia, javelin thrower Bob Wallis, hammer throwers Bill Diehl and Bill Shuff, triple jumpers Tommy Haynes and Rayfield Dupree and long jumper Al Lanier. Mike Louisiana is Army's entry in the discus while Barry McClure is a third

triple jumper.

Three of the men competed in the trials before but none has ever made the team. Those who do see it as a major stepping stone to a place on the U.S. Olympic Squad.

Most of the Army men competing in the trials at the University of Oregon Aug. 14-16 are interservice champs. Haynes, McClure, and Louisiana were NCAA champions. Wallis, Diehl and Shuff have been among the top American performers in their events this year. Gerry Garcia recently set the Pacific AAU record for the six mile.

After meeting fairly stringent Army qualification marks, the athletes came here in April to train for the Interservice Track and Field Championships. At the end of June, most of them went to the national AAU Meet also in Oregon. A They will return to their home units after the Pan Am competitions.

While at the Presidio, their daily routine has included tasks on the post and two training sessions at Bay area tracks.



Presidio divers Martin Pettit (left) and Connie Vade Bon Coeur don wet suits before taking a dip in the cold Pacific. The two dependants were on a family diving/beachcombing outing sponsored by Recreation Services recently. Certified divers interested in the diving trips should check with Recreation Center program director Ken Brown (2000).

FORSCOM Golf Tourney

Eight post golfers will represent the Presidio Aug. 10-22 in the FORSCOM-West Golf Tournament at Ft. Ord.

The eight men will compete against a field of ten teams representing Western FORSCOM posts from Alaska to Georgia.

Intramural Football

Intramural flag football will begin at the Presidio on or about Sept. 8 and units desiring to enter teams should indicate their intentions by Aug. 25.

Three clinics for Coaches, managers and players will be held Aug. 26, 28 and Sept. 4 at 1:30 p.m. in the NCO/EM Club and Recreation Center (Bldg. 135).

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL (Aug. 11)

Presidio League	Won	Lost
170th MP Company	12	1
402nd MP Company	9	4
Letterman	8	5
LAIR	7	6
Garrison	7	6
Corps of Engineers	4	9
Western Recruiting	4	9
Support Element	1	12

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
HHD 504th MP Bn	11	1
864th Engineers	10	3
666th Radar Squadron	10	3
Armed Forces Police	9	5
16th Base Post Office	5	9
525th MI Group	3	10
Readiness Region IX	3	10
Med Lab	1	11

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Presidio of San Francisco

Friday, Aug. 22, 1975

Post begins. . .

New physical training

Presidio's two largest units began a physical fitness program Thursday aimed at improving their appearance, military bearing and health.

The program includes a morning inspection and an afternoon session of exercises and running.

Both officers and enlisted men are obliged to participate in the programs which are now a permanent part of their daily routines.

Unit commanders of Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison and the 504th M.P. Battalion implemented the exercises

and formations at the direction of Colonel Warren J. Lodge, the new post commander.

Garrison held a morning formation at 7:15 a.m. and another at 3:15 p.m. prior to moving to PX Field for exercises. Initial plans call for 20 minutes of drills followed by a run which should eventually reach one mile in length.

Eventually the exercise periods will be modified to allow for organized athletics or drill and ceremonies. However, the program does not allow for replacing the basic exercises and runs with organized sports.



SP4 Elizabeth Clarke checks dog.



J. Phillip Langellier and artifacts.

Medical searchers

Letterman Army Institute of Research, or LAIR, is involved in a variety of research projects designed to increase the medical capacity for care of both the combat soldier and the clinical patient.

Among other projects, they are maintaining a colony of dogs that are a cross between Mexican Hairless and Beagles, and are unique in that they may have many of the same skin problems that humans do. The Animal Resource Division is selectively breeding these dogs within their own gene pool to maintain this unusual skin quality for use in research by the Department of Dermatology.

LAIR was established in 1966 as an element of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command, Washington, D.C., and is the product of a consolidation of laboratories from Denver, Ft. Knox, Kentucky, Presidio of San Francisco, and Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia.

Presently, the Institute is in the process of moving into a new research and development facility next to Letterman Army Medical Center, the last phase of which is scheduled for completion in early 1976. The Institute is divided into eight departments—Dermatology, Medicine, Tropical Medicine, Nutrition, Surgery, Comparative Medicine, Information Sciences, and Biomedical Stress, all of which conduct independent research efforts.

In addition to the dog colony, LAIR is also raising mosquitoes. The Department of Tropical Medicine has obtained mosquitoes from different areas around the world and is rearing them in specially equipped environmental rooms simulating their natural habitats. These mosquitoes are used in research leading to the development of a better repellent to protect troops from mosquito-borne diseases.

The Division of Non-Ionizing Radiation is doing laser studies to determine the effect of different types and intensities of radiation on the skin, and particularly on the cornea and retina. This includes an investigation of the effect of continuous low level radiation. These studies are aimed at increasing the protection of individuals from laser radiation. Eye injuries are also a concern of the Department of Surgery, which is investigating the possibility of chemotherapy as a treatment for intraocular injury.

The Department of Surgery is also completing development of an optional additive system for blood storage. Instead of the present method of putting additives in blood immediately to increase the time it can be stored, a method has been devised to put the additives in after 14 days of storage. The blood can still be stored as long as if the additives had been added immediately, but if the blood is used within those first two weeks, which is usually the case, then it's free of any unnecessary elements.

Post Women's Day

Keynoting the third annual Women's Day program, Tuesday, August 26, will be the Executive assistant to the chairman of the San Francisco Bay Area Federal Executive Board. The program will take place in the Recreation Center from 12:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

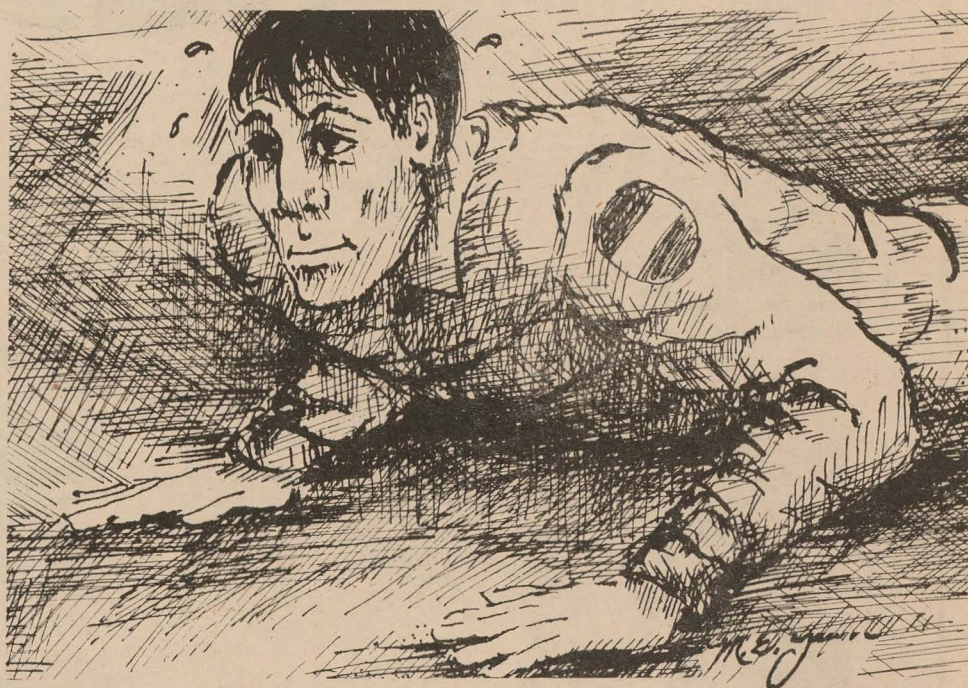
Mrs. Cynthia Morris Gray, who is also president of the San Francisco Chapter of Federally Employed Women, will join a panel of three Presidio speakers in recognizing the contributions and problems of women in Federal service.

Ms. Holly Handler, Federal Women's Program Coordinator for the Presidio, says that managers, supervisors and others are encouraged to attend. She says leave time

will not be charged to those attending.

Other participants in the program will be Colonel George K. Kanemoto, commander, Logistics Control Agency; George McCaffrey, chief, Civilian Personnel Division, Letterman Army Medical Center; and Colonel Kenneth K. Hibbs, deputy chief of staff for Personnel and Administration, Sixth U.S. Army.

The program will feature workshops, exhibits and films on subjects about and of interest to women. Subjects to be covered include: The Equal Rights Amendment, Planned Parenthood, Upward Mobility, educational and vocational planning and credit problems.



History in the walls

Museum time capsules

By J. Phillip Langellier

How often have you heard the old cliché, "If only that building could talk, what stories it would tell!" Here on the Presidio, a post with nearly two-hundred years of history, our buildings are talking. That's right, every time reconstruction is done on Post, workers seem to find the walls telling their tales.

For instance, last Thursday, August 14, a remodeling crew at the Post Judge Advocate's offices went about their work. In the process, a carpenter lost his hammer. Chief Warrant Officer 2 William L. Butts decided the tool couldn't have just disappeared, so he began searching in the wall spaces near the workman's area. Sure enough, he came up with the hammer, and an unexpected surprise: some old papers. His curiosity aroused, Butts made a methodical search of all the nooks and crannies where such materials might hide.

Hours later, covered with decades of dirt, Butts emerged with numerous old bottles, tin cans, a World War I shaving kit, assorted insignia, socks, and a 1923 court-martial transcript for a private in the old 30th Infantry ("San Francisco's Own"). Unfortunately, the unlucky soldier's fate (he was caught sleeping on guard duty) is not yet known since the actual sentence is missing.

The walls also had writing on them indicating the location of storage bins for ham, sausage and other foodstuffs dating back to the days when this building served as a commissaries storehouse for the nearby Post Stockage. Evidently, it was also a convenient area for a soldier to slip away for a smoke or a quick "pick-me-up." Old

cigarette packages, including Lucky Strike Greens, Coke bottles, pints of "Ten High," and in desperation, a few ounces of vanilla extract are evidence of this practice. Several cans of oysters are other clues to the past, since soldiers at one time ascribed many powers to these denizens of the deep. This included the ability to soothe a raging hangover, or the mystical qualities now associated with vitamin "E".

Major William Eckhardt, Staff Judge Advocate, thought these items might be of interest to the Museum. His phone call came as no surprise, however, since the Museum itself has found its own share of artifacts secreted away in its attic. These included parts of uniforms dating back as early as the Civil War, hundreds of letters, many items associated with medical uses (the Museum was the Old Station Hospital opened in 1857), and of course the usual supply of bottles, including a nice Olympia Beer container from the pre-1906 Earthquake days when Oly still had a bottling plant here.

Major Eckhardt's quick thinking is what counted. While most of the items found have little monetary value, they are interesting links to the past which should be preserved. Anytime someone cleans out an old attic or does construction work they may find themselves acting the part of an archaeologist. Hopefully, everyone will cooperate with the Museum so that the items might be properly identified, preserved and ultimately displayed for everyone's enjoyment. In this respect, time capsules will continue to provide an unusual link to the Presidio's colorful past.



Photo by SSG Craig Steen

Garbage littering public areas of the post is part of the reason for the post-wide cleanup effort scheduled for today, tomorrow and Sunday.

Ramblin' Sam



What changes would you like to see in the Presidio PX system?

SFC Wayne Colla, USACIDC: "It is such a time consuming process whenever I need the services of the layaway and special order counter during the lunch hours. I would like to see the PX schedule a day when only uniformed service people would be served to speed up layaway and special order needs. Normally, it may take my whole lunch break to get this service, and since I, as many others, am restricted to lunch time to take care of matters such as this, it would be a great help to have such a service."



Mrs. Virginia Quinton: "I have no complaints about the Presidio PX. I just hope we never lose it."

Major (ret) Alex Weinstock: "I'd like to see a wider selection of power tools. PX# has only one brand, which limits selections. I've noticed that some Navy PX systems have many brands from which to choose and it would be nice if the Army had at least as many brands."



Pvt. Michael Digby, 170th MP Co.: "Just keep it the way it is. I think it's fine."

Ms. Barbara Ladd: "I'd like to see things better identified. Sometimes I find myself just wandering around looking for certain items because they are not easily found. Larger signs maybe?"



NEWS NOTES

Continued

Photo contest

An amateur photo contest is being held by the National Park Service for the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. The contest starts September 1 and ends 4 p.m., October 1.

Photographs must be taken within the boundaries of the recreation area and wildlife or plants in the pictures must occur naturally in the park. Contestants may submit one entry in black and white and one in color. Four prints are required in each category, no larger than 11" x 14", no smaller than 5" x 7". They should be unmounted and unframed.

Prizes include signed prints, two \$50 certificates, Golden Eagle passes, and two other shopping certificates. More information and maps of the park may be obtained by going to Fort Mason, at the north end of Franklin Street. Telephone: 556-0560.

Retirement luncheon

A retirement luncheon will be held for Frank G. Pride, Jr., August 28 at the Presidio Officers Club. Make reservations with Art Wedel—2603, not later than August 22.

Women's Club

Presidio Women's Club will have an activities coffee at 10:30 a.m., September 4, at the Officers Open Mess. Call Mrs. King—561-2773 — for reservations.

Flag football

Presidio flag football will start on or about September 8. Units desiring to enter teams are requested to inform the post commander's office not later than August 25, 1975.

Three football clinics for coaches, managers and players will be held at 1:30 p.m. on August 26 and 28 and on September 4 at the NCO/Enlisted Club and Recreation Center, Building 135.

Post Exchange Labor Day Hours

Monday, September 1, 1975 (Labor Day) the following exchange activities will be open: Main store—12 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Branch #3—12 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Letterman Hospital—8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Main Service Station—11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Main Cafeteria—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All other activities will be closed.

Al-Anon Family Group

An Al-Anon Family Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 1975, at noon in the Bean Bag room of building 276—Presidio Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling Services.

Building 276 is located next to the snack shop by the commissary. The Marina Boulevard gate is most accessible by car, says Mr. George Bryan, director of the program.

Al-Anon is for friends, relatives and spouses of alcoholics. All Al-Anon Family Group meetings are anonymous and are patterned after Alcoholics Anonymous meetings.

Visitors are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee will be provided. If the day is warm the meeting will be held on the nearest beach.

Election Bulletin

New Hampshire state election officials have announced a September 16, 1975 special election for US Senator to fill the New Hampshire senate seat declared vacant by the Senate in July. Eligible Army members wishing to vote absentee should request an "Armed Services Ballot" by sending a completed federal post card application (FPCA, Standard Form 76) to the Secretary of State, State House, Concord, New Hampshire 03301. "Special Election—US Senate" should be entered in section 6 of the FPCA.

NEWS NOTES

USO trips

The San Francisco and Oakland USOs are jointly sponsoring a trip to Disneyland September 5, 6 and 7. The trip will cost \$38.00 per person and includes transportation, motel, admission and tickets.

The trip is open to all military and dependents but limited seats are available. The first to pay will be the first to go.

The bus will depart from the San Francisco USO, 1019 Market Street, at 6 p.m. on Friday and return 9 p.m. Sunday.

Reservations and payments are due Tuesday, September 2. Additional information may be obtained by calling the San Francisco USO: 893-4966.

SPEBSQSA singers set

The local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, (SPEBSQSA), appropriately named The Cable Car Chorus, will give one performance at the Presidio Music Center, Building 135, Tuesday, August 26 at 8 p.m. A quartet of Sweet Adelines, the female counterpart of SPEBSQSA will also appear.

Following the program, auditions will be held for those interested in joining The Cable Car Chorus.

Fair free to military

The California State Fair is free to active-duty military with green IDs. It will run from August 22 through September 9. The fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

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Bernice Williams. Glenwood-Oaklawn area of West Lake in Daly City. Will share ride expenses or join car pool. Phone 2108 or 2109.

Driver wanted for established car pool to and from Presidio. Petaluma or Santa Rosa area. Call C. Spencer Johnson at 2336 or 2405.

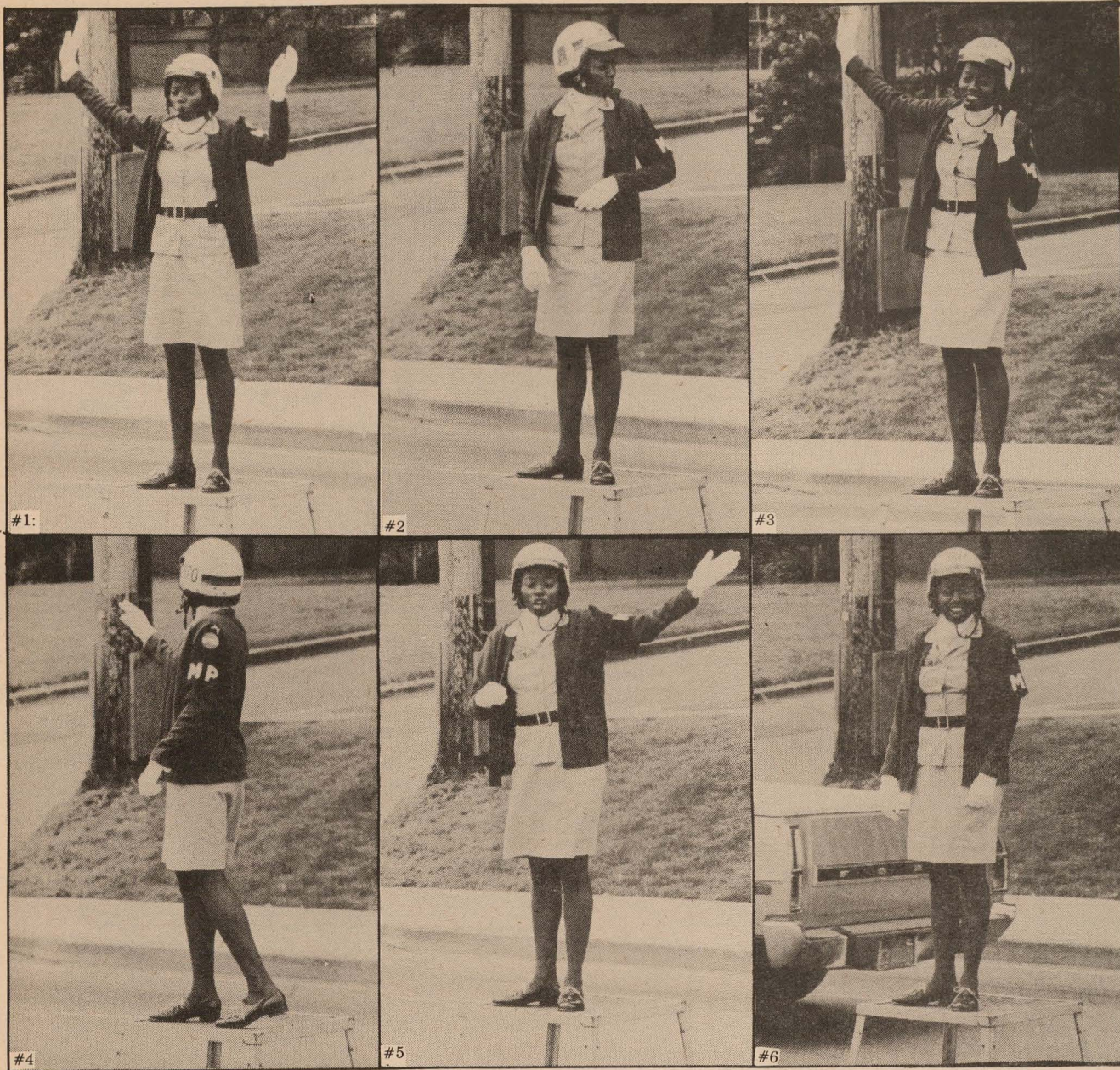
Margaret Lyons. 900 block, Key Avenue, Bayview District, San Francisco. Will join car pool or share ride and expenses. Phone 5545.

Frances Jamieson. 24th Avenue and Lake Street, S.F. to Ft. Baker. Will share expenses. Telephone: 751-7413 (after 6 p.m.).

Dena Winham. 41st and Lincoln Way, S.F. Will share expenses. Telephone: 561-3551 (work).

SP5 Eugenia Ross, 1616 35th Avenue, Oakland; telephone: 2484/5259. Destination: Presidio. Will drive. Please call between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

Paul Loden, 1271-D Redwood Blvd., Novato, telephone (home) 897-8518, (work) 4831. Destination: Bldg. 37, Presidio. Need a driver for existing carpool.



An hour on the "stand"

Anyone who has ever traveled along Lincoln Boulevard has come across the energetic military policemen and women guiding autos during the peak traffic hours. During the lunch hour rush recently, STAR PRESIDIAN photographer C.D. Steen captured a few moments and motions of Pvt. Pat Brown of the 170th MP Company, while she did her job on Lincoln and Halleck St. Though Brown may not have actually thought some of the things said here, her facial expressions and hand movements brought out the imagination of the photographer.

- #1: Another day on the "stand"! Okay, everybody stop!
- #2: Lady, please don't blow that horn at me again.
- #3: Make that two hamburgers and hold the onions!
- #4: Oops, that one snuck by me!
- #5: And there I was—knee deep in Volkswagens...
- #6: Haven't you shot enough pictures yet?

The swap . . . Army style

Soldiers anxious for a change of scenery don't have to go airborne, go AWOL or go anywhere — except to the Army regs. Therein (AR 614-200, paragraph 1-23) is a full discussion of a real scenery changer, the swap; otherwise known as the exchange assignment.

It is possible for a soldier to change places with another soldier of the same rank and MOS, even if those places are as far apart as

Fort Benning, Ga., and Fort Ord, Calif. Slot swapping, however, can get a little tricky. Consider these factors:

First, you have to find a partner to swap with. A good place to look for a partner is Army Times, which will print all appeals for swapmates free of charge. You have to be willing and able to bear the expenses of such a move yourself. The official title of swaps is "Exchange Assignments at No Expense to

the Government."

All commanders concerned must give their approval.

If you do get a swap, you're still just as eligible for overseas orders as you were when you left. Check out how you stand on overseas orders before looking for a swap. Tell your prospective swapmate to do the same.

If the slot you want is so good, why does

your swap partner want out. (He'll ask the same question).

If you are overseas, you can't swap your slot for one in CONUS and vice versa. You may, however, swap inside your overseas theater, such as within USAREUR.

The proper procedure for making a swap is all in black and white in the regs. What is not in the regs is how to exercise good judgement in deciding where you want to be.

SPORTS

Run For Your Life!

Men! Women! Overweight? Over anxious? Smoking too much? In poor condition? A self-improvement, physical training course is in effect at the Presidio and may help you solve your problems. Our program is designed for everyone: military or civilian, men or women. If interested call 4120 or visit the Post Gym (Bldg. 63). Don't delay! By "Running For Your Life" you'll be doing just that.

Intramural Playoffs

Playoffs for the post intramural softball crown began Wednesday with the top three teams from each league squaring off in a double elimination tournament.

Initial drawings pitted Letterman against the Armed Forces Police Detachment and the 170th MP Company against the HHD 504th MP Battalion.

The 402nd MP Company and the 864th Engineers drew byes. Air Forces' 666th Radar Squadron finished with a second place tie in the Ft. Scott League but bowed out of the playoffs because they are not a Presidio unit.

Tournament games are scheduled for Aug. 22, 25, 26 and 27. Starting time is 5:30 p.m. on the Ft. Scott Fields except for a 6 p.m. start on the 26th. If necessary, second game will be played at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Army Pan Am Qualifiers

Army triple jumper Tommy Haynes and long jumper Al Lanier qualified for the U.S. Pan American team last week in Eugene, Ore. Both men trained with the Army team here prior to the trials.

Letterman Wins Wirl Title

The LAMC women's softball team defeated Presidio last Saturday, Aug 16, to win the Women's Interservice Recreation League, Wirl, title. The 16-4 win gained LAMC its second title over its traditional rival, and finished the season with a 5 to 1 record. Presidio's loss dropped them to 3 and 3, and third place, leaving Alameda NAS, with 4 and 2, in second, and Travis AFB, with no wins but lots of good humor in fourth. LAMC had a good pitcher in Isabell Bueno, who also proved her worth at bat on Saturday by hitting a triple. Cathy Williams and Emily Lozano also helped boost the score by hitting triples.

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Women's softball		

* CITY LIGHTS *

City Lights is a list of free or inexpensive events occurring around the city. Unless a fee is mentioned, there is no charge.

Bay Area Artists Exhibition and Sale, Aug. 22-28, Great Hall, Oakland Museum, 273-3009.

Bicycling in Golden Gate Park, Aug. 24, leave from USO at 1:00, \$2.00 rental and transportation fee.

All You Can Eat Buffet, Aug. 31, 5:00 at USO, only \$1.00.

Chess Workshop, every Saturday, 2:00 at

USO, tournament last Saturday of every month.

Craft Shop Classes: Painting Class, Wednesdays, 6:00-10:00; Lapidary Class, Wednesdays, 6:00-9:30; starting Wednesday, Sept. 3, there will be a Leather Working Class, the time yet to be established.

Bicentennial Heritage Free Concerts, Aug. 2, 3, 23, 24, Sept. 6, 7, 27, 28 and Oct. 25, 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fort Barry Parade Grounds, first concert is the Gwen Lewis Afro-American Dance Company.

'I'm a father!' Soldier delivers child

A baby was born to the wife of a Presidio specialist about a week ago. Not an unusual happening, except that the soldier had to deliver the baby himself.

Mrs. Pamela Rodehurst, wife of Presidio Specialist 4 Rhett Rodehurst, went into labor in the early morning hours of August 13. Rodehurst called an ambulance, which as a rule are not dispatched from Letterman Hospital for births, but before the ambulance could get to the Rodehurst's Marin County home, Pamela had given birth to a baby girl, later named Joann Marie, 8 pounds 12 ounces.

Rodehurst, who works in the Audio-

Visual Shop, Plans, Operations and Training, and his wife had taken the six-week Expectant Parents class at Letterman Army Hospital prior to their daughter's birth. Captain Lynda Linker, a community health nurse, who teaches the class at the hospital, says that although the Army doesn't condone home births, the health of Mrs. Rodehurst and her baby could be attributable to the classes she and her husband took at the hospital. The Expectant Parents class has six sessions, two on pre-natal care, two on labor and delivery and two on infant care. The next class will begin in November, when a replacement is found for Captain Linker, who is going to have a baby herself.

Assignments and addresses

For: Presidio and Ft. Mason

QUARTER BLOCK	PRIMARY (Kindergarten-3rd Grade)	INTERMEDIATE (Grades 4-6)	JUNIOR HIGH (Grades 7-9)	SENIOR HIGH (Grades 10-12)
Fort Mason 000-099	Yerba Buena Hancock	Sherman Raphael Weill	Marina Roosevelt	Galileo Washington
100-199	"	"	"	"
300-399	"	"	"	"
400-499	"	"	"	"
500-599	"	"	"	Galileo
700-799	"	"	Francisco/Marina	"
800-899	"	"	"	"
900-999	John Swett	"	"	Washington
1000-1099	Hancock	"	Roosevelt	Galileo
1200-1299	John Swett	"	Francisco/Marina	Washington
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1703-1713	Alamo	Lafayette	"	"

For: Presidio Park Apartments

QUARTER NUM- BERS	PRIMARY	INTERMEDIATE	JUNIOR HIGH	SENIOR HIGH
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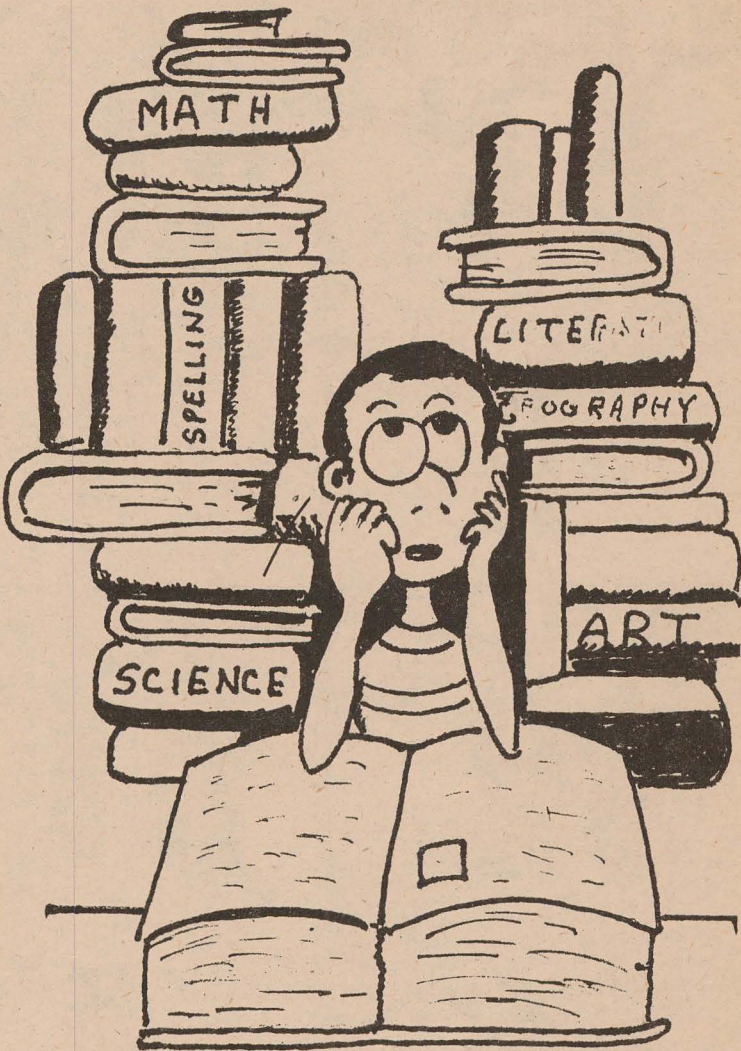
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Addresses For San Francisco Schools

Hancock Grammar 940 Filbert St. Phone: 441-7330	Yerba Buena Grammar 2110 Greenwich St. Phone: 931-7137	Alamo School 250 23rd Ave.	Roosevelt Junior High 460 Arguello Phone: 751-3933
Pacific Heights Grammar 2340 Jackson St. Phone: 931-1911	Raphael Weill Grammar 1501 O'Farrel St. Phone: 346-4278	Francisco Junior High 2190 Powell St. Phone: 392-8214	Galileo High 1150 Francisco St. Phone: 771-3150
John Swett Grammar 727 Golden Gate Ave. Phone: 863-6474	Sherman Elementary 1651 Union St. Phone: 673-4331	Marina Junior High 3500 Fillmore St. Phone: 921-2835	Washington High 600 32nd Ave. Phone: 397-0550
Lafayette 4545 Anza St. Phone: 387-3322			

Addresses For Marin County Schools

Bayside Elementary 630 Nevada St. Sausalito Phone: 332-1024
Martin Luther King Ebb Tide Sausalito Phone: 332-1474
Tamalpais High Miller Avenue & Camino Alto Mill Valley Phone: 388-3292



Note: Only starting times are listed. Allow three to five minutes between each stop.

Bus schedules*

ALAMO SCHOOL is for kindergarten through third grade. Classes are scheduled to begin at 8:35 a.m. and end at 2:15 p.m. Afternoon kindergarten classes are scheduled to begin at 11:15 a.m. and end at 2:15 p.m.

PICK-UP POINTBUS #	TIME	RETURN #
1514 Pershing 406	7:55	406
Baker & Brooks 406		
Kindergarten:		
1514 Pershing 215	10:40	215
Baker & Brooks 215	10:40	215

HANCOCK GRAMMAR SCHOOL is for kindergarten through third grade. Classes are scheduled to begin at 8:35 a.m. and end at 2:15 p.m.

PICK-UP POINTBUS #	TIME	RETURN #
759 Portola 120	7:40	120
715 Liggett "		
Red Zone at 201	7:40	201
Funston Bldg. 116 "		
333 Infantry Tr. "		
407 Washington Bldg. 1104 "		
955 Hoffman 310	7:40	112
856 MacArthur 310		
(Kindergarten Return Bus Is No. 017)		

YERBA BUENA SCHOOL is for kindergarten through third grade. Classes are scheduled to begin at 8:35 a.m. and end at 2:15 p.m.

PICK-UP POINTBUS #	TIME	RETURN #
Ft. Mason Bus Stop 318	7:45	318

PACIFIC HEIGHTS SCHOOL is for kindergarten through third grade. Classes are scheduled to begin at 8:35 a.m. and to end at 2:15 p.m. Morning kindergarten classes will begin at 8:35 a.m. and end at 11:35 a.m.

PICK-UP POINTBUS #	TIME	RETURN #
1576 Pershing 320	7:50	320
1569 Pershing 320		
1557 Pershing 320		
1526 Pershing 320		
(Kindergarten Return Bus is No. 319).		

RAPHAEL WEILL SCHOOL is for grades four through six for all students on post. Classes are scheduled to begin at 9:55 a.m. and end at 3:35 p.m.

PICK-UP POINTBUS #	TIME	RETURN #
1407 Washington 515	8:55	117
1310 Kobbe "		
Battery Wagner & Battery Howe "		
Battery Howe 955 Hoffman "		
Lincoln & Armistead "		
654 Crissy 759 Portola "		
715 Liggett 407 Washington 034	8:55	317
116 Sheridan 333 Infantry Funston & Presidio "		
856 MacArthur 406	8:55	406

*Bus schedules listed are subject to revision.
Presidio shuttle school buses will appear next week.

JOHN SWEET GRAMMAR SCHOOL is for kindergarten through third grade. Classes are scheduled to begin at 9:15 a.m. and end at 2:55 p.m.

PICK-UP POINTBUS #	TIME	RETURN #
1407 Washington 119	8:20	111
1310 Kobbe 119		
Wagner & Battery Howe "		
955 Hoffman "		
Lincoln & Armistead "		
Kindergarten:		
1407 Washington 211	11:20	211
1310 Kobbe "		
Wagner & Battery Howe "		
955 Hoffman "		
Lincoln & Armistead "		

SHERMAN SCHOOL is for grades four through six. Classes are scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m. and end at 3:35 p.m.

PICK-UP POINT BUS #	TIME	RETURN #
Ft. Mason Bus Stop 614	9:05	614

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL is for grades four through six. Classes are scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m. and end at 3:35 p.m.

Lincoln & Brooks 217	8:55	205
1575 Pershing "		
1575 Pershing 101	8:40	416
1531 Pershing "		
1514 Pershing "		

The night visitor. . . Vandalism hits Presidio housing

Vandalism is a continuing problem on the Presidio. This year, there have been 58 incidents reported to the military police, 39 during hours of darkness. The

total estimated value of government property damaged this year is in excess of \$1600 according to Staff Sergeant John J. Polarine, assistant operations sergeant, Provost Marshal's Office.

Most of these incidents involve broken windows in government quarters and other buildings. Robert Tallman, a civil engineer with the post Facilities Engineers, said the total cost for replacing broken windows can run from \$1300 to \$1600 per month, although he stated that many broken windows are caused by wind and the warping of frames. In any case, they are expensive to replace—\$3.20 per square foot—as much as \$100 for a sliding glass door.

Not all of the incidents involve windows. Staff Sergeant Polarine says many private vehicles have had tires slashed, sugar put in gas tanks and other damage. Mr. Tallman reports that several vacant quarters on post have been vandalized and that plants and playground equipment have been damaged.

Residential areas aren't the only ones to be hit. Chaplain James P. Fox reports that spotlights from the Catholic chapel have been regularly stolen, flowers have been ripped up and his office window broken.

Two residents of the housing areas, who wish to remain anonymous, say they have had eggs thrown at their cars, trees ripped up and paint put on their walls.

This is the extent of the problem.

Who is responsible and why are they doing it?

There are many opinions. Many of the residents of the housing areas, where most of the vandalism occurs, feel the fault lies with parents who don't control their children.

One resident, indignant over recent acts on his property, thought the attacks might be some form of retaliation. He had apprehended children previously and this had not gone over well with their peers.

On a deeper level, Staff Sergeant Polarine, of the Provost Marshal's Office, thought the underlying reason was the lack of clear communication between parent and child.

Asked about this, Captain Terence E. Patterson of Social Work Services at Letterman Hospital, said that such breaks in communication could come from boredom, and not being involved in anything useful and constructive. Bored children can release their physical and emotional energy by destroying things. In this way they can also attract the attention they lack.

But Captain Patterson cautioned that even though a child might be bored and uninvolved, he probably wouldn't turn to vandalism unless the group he was with had an ethic that termed destruction exciting and fun.

During the summer months vandalism increases. Children often have nothing to do. Mr. R. S. Ball, acting deputy facilities engineer, says that although there are playgrounds and camping facilities near

the housing areas, some of them are fenced off and hard to get to and the larger ones are used by many civilian children as well.

How to decrease vandalism?

Again, the answers are varied. Staff Sergeant Polarine says that showing more concern and knowing where your children are could help.

Captain Barry Moon, operations officer at the Provost Marshal's Office, said that if the offenders can be identified, the military police can apprehend them. He added that there is an 11 p.m. curfew for dependents 18 and under. If parents cannot take charge of their children, he said, they can be warned by the post commander and possibly told to move off post.

Colonel Dana S. Kierstead, post provost marshal, said that his people would be spending more time on "selective enforcement". Patrols would spend more time in areas with high vandalism rates, especially at night.

So, if you live in the housing area, to help prevent vandalism on post you can: Report and identify violators, keep track of your children. Communicate with them and give them something useful to do. Finally, if you can't do that, you can possibly move off post.

COURTESY

Be a good neighbor. Teach your children respect for other people and property.

from the office of the commander

Bombs are their business

By C. D. Steen

Everyone, military or civilian, wants to work at something they enjoy. Those employed should get a bang out of what they are doing, or they most likely wouldn't be doing it.

There's a small group of men on post who claim they enjoy their job, but they definitely have no desire to get a "bang" out of it. In fact, their job is mainly to prevent any kind of bang. They are the eight-man force of the 87th Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Detachment.

By definition, EOD is the identification, recovery, disarming and sometimes destruction of hazardous military or commercial explosive items, to include chemical and nuclear weapons.

"Our main task is to try to render any type of explosive safe before it has a chance to explode on its own," says Captain Gary A. Porter, commanding officer of the 87th EOD Detachment. "We are not demolition experts as some people tend to believe. We are just the opposite."

Capt. Porter explains that though the 87th EOD is Army, their job takes them mostly off post into the civilian community.

"Government agencies, such as police and fire departments who don't have an EOD team of their own, are our most common requesters for identification and disposal of suspicious items," says Porter. "We aren't called out unless there is definitely a device to be checked out, which has been deemed suspicious by the requesting agency. Sometimes the device turns out to be someone's lunch, or a neatly wrapped package containing nothing but garbage. But when it sits unattended in front of some federal building, then there is a chance it could be a bomb."

"Our job then is to safely remove it." (Because of security reasons, methods cannot be revealed).

The unit, which is supervised by the 548th Ordnance Detachment (EOD Control), also on post, has been kept busy since the start of the year. So far, they have answered 151 incidents, according to Capt. Porter.

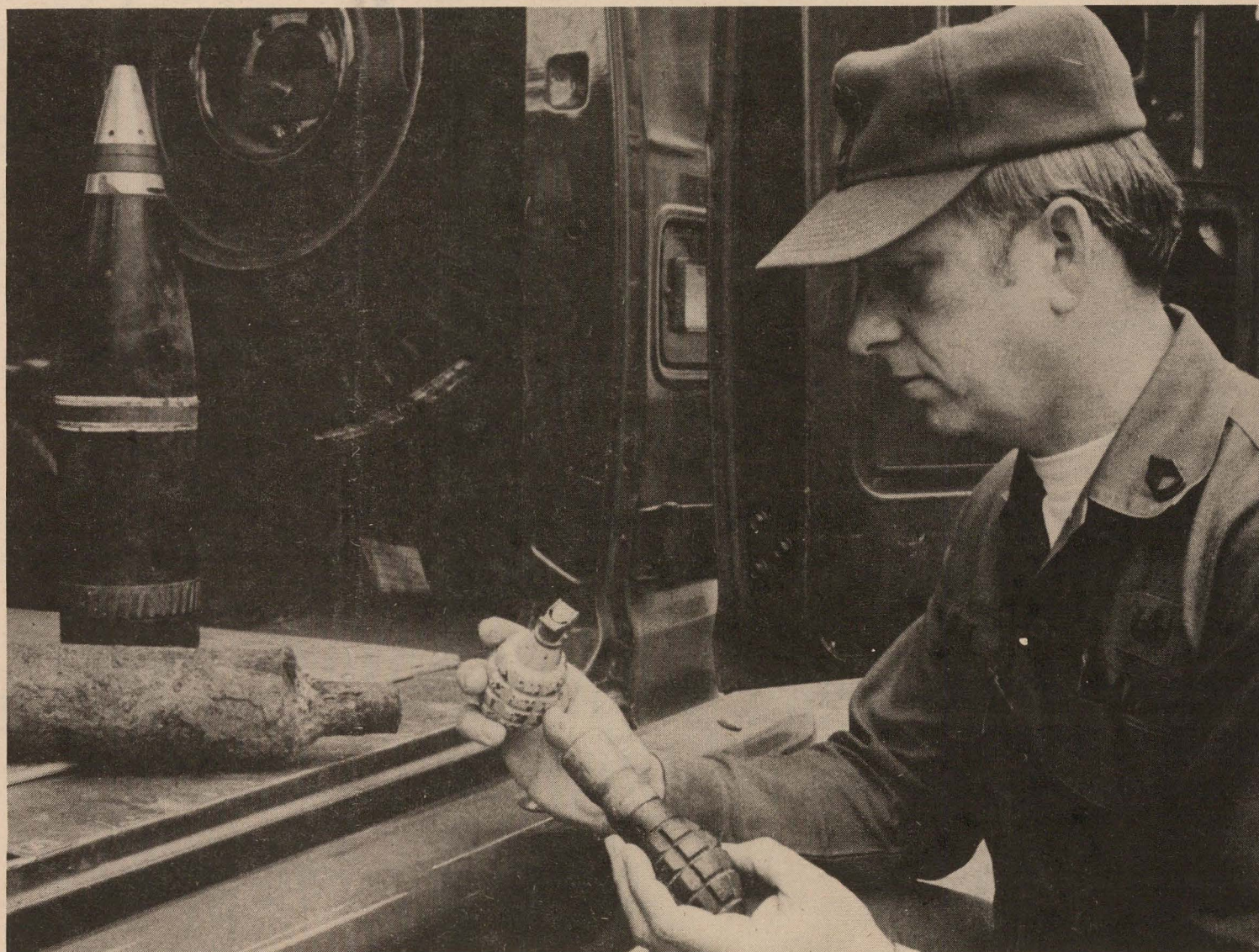
"The most common type of container

for the homemade bomb is an ordinary lead pipe. But cardboard boxes, wrapped packages, and lunch boxes, are all common containers where bombs can be hidden."

The 87th EOD commander said that most of the time the unit answers the call

quickly enough to avert any possible explosion. But sometimes there just isn't enough time.

"In July, we answered a call about a device found near some federal offices on Market Street," explains Porter. "But before we got there, the device exploded."



SFC Gerald Black, 87th EOD Detachment supervisor, displays some of the explosive devices that the Presidio-based ordnance unit has dealt with.

Action line

Q. Is there a policy governing the wearing of a civilian jacket while riding a motorcycle with a uniform on?

Specialist 5 Daniel C. Burke

A. Under the provisions of para 1-11, AR 670-5, commanders may authorize the wearing of protective/reflective clothing as an outer garment for cyclists when appropriate. PSF Regulation 385-1, Section VIII authorizes the wearing of protective clothing and headgear while operating a motorcycle on the Presidio of San Francisco. The wearing of protective headgear is mandatory while operating a motorcycle on post under the provision of AR 385-55.

L. D. BOWEN, Deputy Director, DPCA

Q. I'd like to know what can be done about the controlling of kids at Brooks Street on the Presidio—the 1700 area. They're tearing up people's flowers, throwing garbage out of the dumpsters, hitting cars with tennis balls and rocks. They have no regard for other people's area. Called the MPs on several occasions, but they can't do anything but send the patrol car around and that doesn't seem to do any good. So I'd like to know what can be done about it.

SFC Gerald Black

A. Coordination has been affected with Mrs. Stowell, DFAE, Utilities Branch, to have the area cleaned up in the near future. Mrs. Stowell said the dumpsters are to be replaced by trash cans. Sergeant Black had no specific complaint directed against the service provided by military police. His main concern was control of the children. Parents are being constantly advised through the Weekly Bulletin, Neighborhood Council Meetings and other means of communication to control their children's activities. They are also reminded that parents are responsible for the acts and deeds of their children.

LTC Norman D. Harms, Director DPCA

The Commander's Action Line is available to help with problems or answer questions. Anyone (troops, families, civilian employees) with a Presidio-related problem that cannot be solved through the chain of command can telephone or write and get action.

Dial the 24-hour phone service: L-I-N-E, or send your questions to:

Action Line

Information Office

Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129

The following are corrections for last week's school bus sheedule.

The address for the Raphael Weill Grammar School should be changed to:

Staging at Golden Gate

1601 Turk St.

922-3328

Staging at John Swett

727 Golden Gate Ave.

863-8395

The address for the Sherman Elementary School should be changed to:

Staging at Bldg. #27

Treasure Island

The telephone number, 752-8244, should be added to Alamo School's address.

Raphael Weill School is not "for all students on post." John Swett Grammar School was mis-spelled Sweet.

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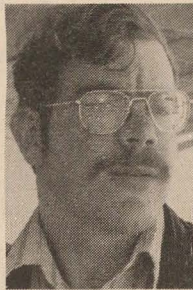
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Ramblin' Sam

What improvements or changes would you like to see at the Presidio commissary?



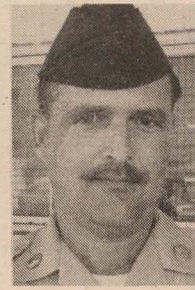
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Sp5 Matthew Parkhouse: "I'd like to see a wider selection of unprocessed foods."



2

Mrs. Ruth Sowle: "There has been so much talk about closing our commissaries or raising the prices to equal civilian supermarkets. I hope I never see changes like that!"



3

SSG Mike West: "Basically, I'm pleased with this commissary. My only minor wish for improvement is keeping the restocking dollies out of the aisles when stocking is completed so they don't obstruct movement of shoppers."



4

Mrs. Donna Choate: "I wish there was a way to enforce people to return carts to the front of the commissary. I've seen them spread all over the parking lot, and I've nearly hit a few trying to park."



5

Mrs. Jean Hite: "I'd like to see the commissary keep its shelves stocked. Many times I would come in and find shelves almost bare of goods."

City lights

City Lights is a list of free or inexpensive events occurring around the city. Unless a fee is mentioned, there is no charge.

Friday, 29th Kick off the Labor Day weekend with a bit of class by taking in Marigene Malm and John Ponce de Leon performing a piano four-hand at the Old First Presbyterian Church as part of its Candlelight Series. The concert is at 10 p.m. and admission is \$1.

Saturday, 30th Step into the past for a day by visiting the Renaissance Pleasure Faire and Ha' Penny Market in Oak Forest near Novato. This is its second of seven weekends. The faire is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and admission is \$4 adults, \$1.50 children.

Sunday, 31st Pack that picnic you've been meaning to go on and take a ferry over to Angel Island. The island is covered by forested hills with trails weaving up to the summit. Ferries leave Pier 43½ downtown at 10, 12, 2, and 3:45. The last one returns from the island at 6:15. Round-trip fare is \$2.25.

Monday, 1st Remember the State Fair in Sacramento is on now through September 9th, and active duty military get in free. Dependents and guests 12 and older pay the regular \$1.50 adult fee.

Tuesday, 2nd The Tumbleweed Revue will be performing Modern dance, theatre, and live music at Minnie's Can Do Club, 1725 Haight tonight at 9:00 and 11:00. Admission is \$1 at the door.

Wednesday, 3rd For those who are big on jazz, but short on money, the Mark Levine Jazz Assembly will be playing at the Palace of Fine Arts tonight at 8:00 for only a quarter admission.

Thursday, 4th If you have some extra energy to burn, check out the physical fitness parcource at Mountain Lake Park just outside the Park Presidio entrance to the Presidio. Jog between stations that have signs describing exercises to do, and equipment such as chinning bars and balance beams.

News notes

Women's club

The Presidio Women's Club will hold its first activity of the new year September 4, 10 A.M. with an Activities Coffee at the P.O.O.M. All newcomers and members are invited to participate in the many activities offered for the coming year.

Activities include needlepoint, Christmas workshop, beginning swimming, Chinese cooking, horseback riding, yoga, human sexuality, getting along with your children and many more. Information and reservations can be made by calling Mrs. King 561-2773 by Monday, Sept. 1.

You lose, you pay

A moment of inattention or carelessness will be expensive for soldiers who through simple negligence lose arms, ammo or explosives under their personal control. The cost of the weapon, ammo or explosive will be deducted from the soldier's pay.

And now commanders have no choice but to hold the soldier monetarily liable for such losses. In the past, commanders could let a soldier off the hook. Loss of a weapon, ammo or explosives calls for a mandatory report and survey investigation.

Commanders also may take disciplinary action in addition to docking the soldier's pay.

Between 1971 and 1974, about 31 per cent of all arms losses and 12 per cent of ammo and explosive losses resulted from negligence by soldiers. Most weapons and ammo are lost while left unattended or unsecured.

Welcome tea

The Presidio Enlisted Wives Club will hold a welcoming tea for Mrs. Warren J. Lodge, wife of the post commander, Wednesday, August 27, at 2 p.m. at the NCO/EM club, building 135.

Army education

The Army education center announces a new B.A. program in economics. Up to 94 of the 128 units needed for the degree may be awarded for previous education, military service, job or either experience. For further information call 4445 or 4900.

Chapel meeting

A welcome breakfast will be held at the Religious Activities Center, building 682, from 930 to 1130 a.m.

Sweater approved

The men's Army Green shade 44 sweater has been approved by the Army Uniform Board as an optional purchase item.

The 100 per cent acrylic, cardigan-style sweater should be just the thing next winter when government buildings, because of the Department of Defense energy-saving directives, will be kept cool. It can be worn in offices or buildings and under the Army Green coat.

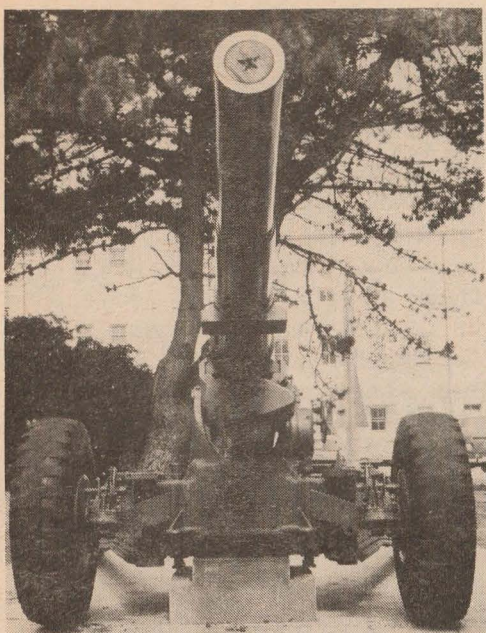
The sweater should be available at post exchanges this fall. The price tag is expected to be about \$8.

car pool

Dena Winham. 41st and Lincoln Way, S.F. Will share expenses. Telephone: 561-3551 (work).

Margaret Lyons. 900 block, Key Avenue, Bayview District, San Francisco. Will join car pool or share ride and expenses. Phone 5545.

Frances Jamieson. 24th Avenue and Lake Street, S.F. to Ft. Baker. Will share expenses. Telephone: 751-7413 (after 6 p.m.).



The pictured 1917 155mm cannon, once a display piece at Ft. Scott, now has a new show spot—next to the Presidio Army Museum. The cannon, used in WW I as a siege field piece, and as a backup gun for the coastal defense of San Francisco in WW II, was placed at the museum three weeks ago to help tell the 200 years of Bay military defense history. Several other types of cannons, from the 18th and 19th Centuries, are also on display outside the museum.

...and leave the driving to bus

You can get there from here

by Carol Cronin

If you're missing the sights and events that San Francisco has to offer because you don't have a car, check into MUNI, the city transit system.

If not as convenient as your own car, it at least avoids the hassle of city driving, and finding a parking spot.

Both the 28 and the 45 lines stop in front of the hospital and at the bus stop in front of the main cafeteria. If you want to spend a day at Baker Beach, the 28, which runs every ten to twenty minutes, goes along the length of it.

The 45 travels Union Street to Van Ness, and then cuts over on Post Street to Union Square. It's scheduled every ten minutes most of the day.

Once you're downtown, there are buses, streetcars, electric trolley coaches, and cable cars to take you to Chinatown on the slope of Nob Hill, the Hyatt Regency and its spectacular seventeen story lobby, or Telegraph Hill and Coit Tower. The bus transfers are good on any of these public lines.

The area south of the Presidio involves more transferring than downtown, but if you need help the bus drivers can always point you toward your next transfer point.

Some veteran riders mentioned two simple rules to follow when unfamiliar with a route. Always ask if the bus is going where you're going, an obvious but helpful question. Schedules change constantly, and the driver may suggest a more direct route. Also, always ask for a transfer whether you think you'll need it or not. They're free, so you can't lose.

To get to De Young Museum, or take in the Sunday band music at the Music Course in Golden Gate Park, take the 28 to Fulton, pick up the 5 heading east to 8th Ave., and then take the 10 to the museum.

You can also remain on the 28 until you reach Sloat Blvd., take an 18 west from there, and get off at Fleishhacker Zoo. And if you get tired of the animals, walk over along the shore and see if any of the hand-gliding buffs are out practicing.

Or on a calm evening walk to Lombard

and Broderick, catch a 30-Stockton to Aquatic Park, and enjoy the street musicians or walk out on one of the piers and soak in the view of the boats and the Bay.

Transit anywhere within the city is only a quarter and you can get as many transfers as you want as long as you're going in one general direction. Also, you have a stopover time of two to two-and-a-half hours (check your transfer), before getting on the next bus.

On those foggy cold weekends when you'd like to get out of the city, take one of MUNI's weekend and holiday buses to Marin County. You can catch any of them at the Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza and take off for Stinson Beach, No. 62, Mount Tamalpais, No. 62, Muir Woods, No. 60, or Point Reyes National Seashore, No. 64, among other recreation areas.

The fare is one dollar each way, and the schedules vary from every half hour to only three a day depending on the line. However, the service will be revised after September 6, so call 332-6600 or pick up a new schedule.

Continued

Bombs in the night

As San Francisco and nearby towns weren't enough to keep the small unit busy, they are also responsible for 18 counties in northern California. Their jurisdiction spreads from Del Norte County, at the Oregon border, east to Sacramento, and south to Santa Clara County. They have answered calls as far away as Bakersfield.

The 87th, is the only Army unit to cover this area, and it does it alone!

Probably the most spectacular job the 87th EOD team ever got involved with in recent years, according to Porter, was the 1973 Roseville Train Disaster.

A train, carrying within its boxcars hundreds of 250 pound aerial bombs, caught fire, causing explosions that lasted for two days! Many unexploded bombs were scattered over the countryside, and the next six months found units like the 87th EOD indulging themselves with the dangerous task of finding the bombs and safely disposing of them.

When the eight-man force isn't answering calls to bomb threats, they keep busy with field training to augment their proficiency. Their training may take them into the high Sierras where they may stay for as much as a week.

The 87th EOD Detachment also performs a special service to government agencies, such as police and fire departments, by giving classes on EOD when requested.

Without a doubt, the job is a dangerous one. But Capt. Porter says there are always volunteers to get into EOD. In fact, he says, the job is made up of all volunteers.

"The job is not easy to get into for there are a lot of prerequisites one must have to be eligible," confides Porter. "Statistics have shown that 15% of the people who do get into the six-month school at Indian Head, Md. drop out, so the training is tough. If a person makes it through school, once at his new duty station, he'll find there is always more to learn."

EOD sources said that the job is open to men and women, though currently there are no Army women EOD personnel in the field. However, several are presently attending school for it.

There seems to be a lot of job satisfaction in this field, at least that is the feeling with the men of the 87th.

One member, Sp5 Jim "Doc" Montgomery, stated, "I wish I got into this job 10 years ago!"



Photo by Dona Seay

While USAG women indulge in the great stomach toughener, sit-ups, the men build their wind for a one-mile run. These and other exercises are all part of a daily physical fitness program recently instated for Garrison personnel. Officers and enlisted men and women take part in the program each weekday at 3:30 p.m.

Post hosts Women

"Become aware of the possibilities that are open to you and of your rights to some of these possibilities," stressed Cynthia Gray as she spoke at Tuesday's third Annual Women's Day program.

Mrs. Gray, the keynote speaker, is the Executive assistant to the chairman of the San Francisco Bay Area Federal Executive Board and also president of the San Francisco Chapter of Federally Employed Women.

Mrs. Gray urged women to first upgrade their self-image, doing away with stereotypes, and then begin changing the attitudes of the people they work with. She continued, "Define your goals on the basis of your abilities and your ambitions. Be realistic and honest in establishing them, and once they're set, take action to accomplish them, whether this involves further education or practical experience."

Mrs. Gray also suggested that managers and supervisors can help women establish their goals by helping them

analyze their background and needs.

Approximately 450 people attended the day-long program, which in addition to the speakers, included well-attended workshops on the Equal Rights Amendment, presented by Shirley Yawitz, attorney, Positive Aspects of Women's Rights Movement with Captain Fran Rice, and Report on International Women's Year Mexico City Conference and the World Plan of Action, coordinated by Margaret Leahy of the United Nations Assn.

These workshops were open to questions and answers and many women participated.

There was also a variety of films and slide shows that showed women in a number of jobs that were once closed to them, including two slide shows from the Presidio.

Ms. Holly Handler, Federal Women's Program Coordinator for the Presidio said she felt the day was quite successful, and was especially appreciative of the amount of cooperation received from the wives clubs which provided refreshments.



It isn't really the Golden Gate Bridge and part of the Bay John Lymberg is sitting in front of. But one has to admit it sure looks like it! Actually, it is a large mural painted by the 17-year-old high school youth. His father, MSgt. Bart Lymberg of the 87th EOD Detachment, thought his artistic son could really enhance the new location of the ordnance office by having him paint a scene on a blank wall at the building's entrance. After two months work, the brightly colored 8x12 mural, which he copied from a 3x5 inch postcard, is finished for all to see.

Post begins . . .

Drug Program Changes

Many doctors today prescribe education rather than medicine. So says Phil Phillips, education coordinator for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (ADAP) counseling services, in introducing a Day Education Program to replace the previous live-in care offered by ADAP.

September 1 will be the end of the old program.

The old residential care program used to be under post supervision, says Mr. Phillips, and it treated drug and alcohol abuse as a social disease rather than a medical one. Eventually, this emphasis was changed, and responsibility for the program fell to Letterman Hospital's department of psychiatry.

They established a "halfway house" program to bring abusers back into the mainstream of life. This policy, however, was an exception to Army policy which placed rehabilitation responsibility on the post rather than the hospital.

A study was done and, says Mr. Phillips, "We found that we do not need a halfway house, as such. If a person needs residential care, he can be shipped to the halfway house at Fort Ord." Fort Ord has a 14-day, residential therapy program.

So ADAP has come up with an alternative for people who do not need live-in care, but do need therapy-Day Education. Patients can live in their units or homes during the two week period. Weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. they go to therapy.

This therapy will begin soon, says Mr. Phillips. First, patients will be screened to see if they need it. When a minimum of seven are selected, the program will start. There are five selectees now. Civil servants are also eligible.

These patients will undergo several stages of treatment. First, a step-group, similar to the 12 steps in the Alcoholics Anonymous program, will be started. Patients will then progress to a psycho-

social group, which will study the profiles of abusers' families, jobs and personal psychologies.

Afterward, human effectiveness groups will go into communication and how to express wishes. Group therapy will be undertaken next, followed by instruction in the medical effects of drugs.

A most interesting point in the program will be meditation sessions, led by Chaplain James C. Robinson, deputy staff Chaplain at Letterman. These sessions will delve into what Chaplain Robinson calls the "trans-personal" aspects of an individual.

First, participants are helped to relax, both by suggestion and by soothing music. When they reach a state of calmness, Chaplain Robinson suggests to them a fantasy, such as a field where they might be standing. He asks them what they have found in the field, and let's them visualize their own interior states.

Afterwards, volunteers tell of what they saw and the group discusses the experiences. In this way, patients become aware of something inside themselves that they had not known before. This knowledge helps them form a new identity, so they don't need so much support from outside sources to fill the void inside.

Late in the program, an outing is planned to Angel Island or a similar place.

ADAP will also, during the course of the therapy, call upon volunteers from the Judge Advocates Office to explain the legal aspects of drug abuse, the Letterman department of psychiatry and post vocational rehabilitation. Members of Delancy Street, Alanon, Army Community Services and Red Cross have also been scheduled.

The whole program is aimed at giving drug and alcohol abusers more self-awareness and a knowledge of alternatives to drugs and alcohol.

Presidio of San Francisco military school bus schedule*		GOLF Effective August 1, 1975, the following changes in Guest Green Fee rates for Enlisted Persons, NOT MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDIO ARMY GOLF CLUB, are announced: Weekdays\$2.00 (all grades) Weekend/Holiday\$3.00 (all grades)
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Boredom: causes and cures

Boredom hits everyone at some time. Feeling bored ourselves, we decided to find out why. The very perceptive coordinator of the health care planning team at Letterman's social work services division, Ms. Linda Crouse, was kind enough to help us. She was so helpful, in fact, she wrote an article on the causes and cures of boredom.

So you're bored. Great!

Boredom is a good and useful message from you to you, just as physical pain is a useful indicator of illness. Your boredom is telling you that you're ready for something new in your life, that it is time to make some changes. Boredom is a put-down of the present. Often people get caught up in the future to such a degree they ransom away their present for anticipated gains in the future.

If, as one expert in mental health claims, "Contentment is the natural state of the human organism," then boredom is a non-natural state of being, which means you've chosen to be bored. You've made, perhaps unknowingly, an active choice not to be active in those things that add to your feelings of aliveness. We often keep ourselves from acting on opportunities. Or we convince ourselves that the alternatives to boredom are not acceptable, which again is an active choice.

It's useful to look at two kinds of boredom: *situational* and *global*.

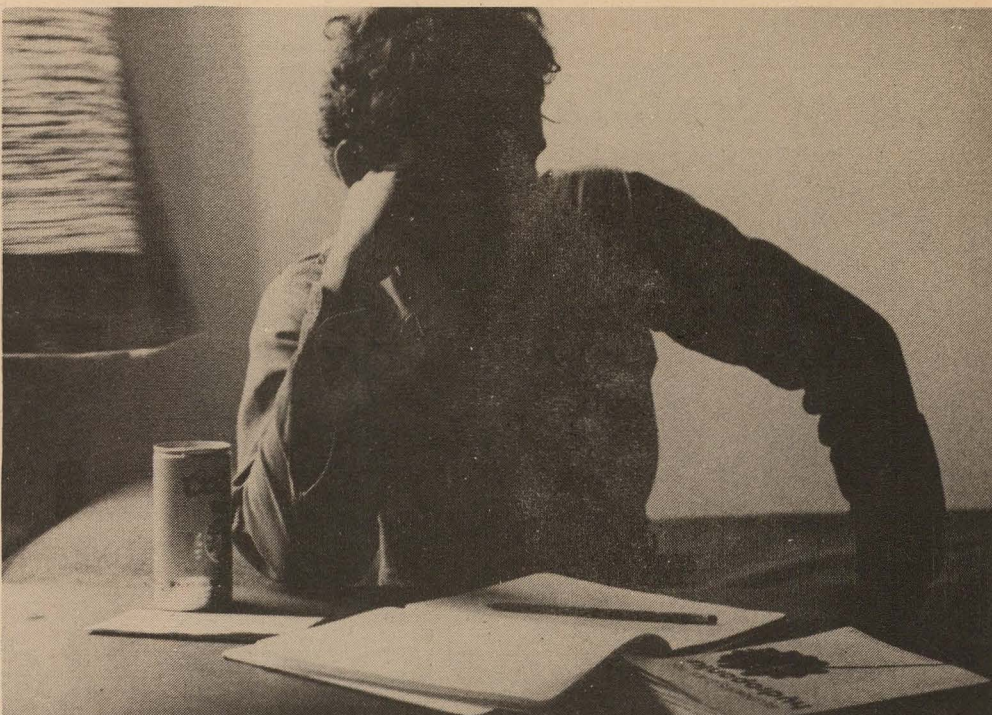
The first, situational, can be viewed as a resting period between stimulating, perhaps tiring times. The person is basi-

cally interested and gratified by all aspects of his/her life and boredom is a short lived, passing feeling. The second, global, results from being at a stagnant point within yourself. All aspects of life seem dull and boring. The world's most exciting place to live and most interesting job would soon seem boring if the person feels dull and dead inside. On the other hand, some jobs and people and places are obviously less boring and dull than others. *External things help, but internal excitement and curiosity are more important.*

Why do so many people in the Army feel bored? Routine and lack of control may be the two main reasons. The belief (real or imagined) that everything must be done by the book and that there is no room for imagination or creativity results in disinterest and eventually boredom. If your physical and mental activities fall into a rut and you always expect the same old things to happen, you won't be awake to the changes around you.

What can you do about being bored?

Break up your routine. Do three things you don't usually do. Don't do three things



U.S. Army photo by C.D. Steen

you usually do. Don't brush your teeth one day, eat two donuts, instead of one, walk instead of driving, stay up all night watching the late movies, change the order in which you do your paper work or your dishes. Small changes can be interesting and can lead to bigger changes.

Make a list of 20 things you love to do. Choose and number the first more important items. Write down beside each item the last time you did it. Has it been years since you did some of them? Will you start arranging to do more things you really love to do?

If you are physically stuck in a place, like when waiting for the bus or at work,

free your mind and create fantasies out of the material around you. Be playful and have fun with your own thoughts.

Give yourself permission and make arrangements to do things you've been wanting to do. Enroll in a totally useless but interesting class. Take a day trip or outing you never find time for. Buy yourself a present that no one else ever gives you.

Most important of all, if you find you're faced with global boredom, look into yourself to determine why and how you're neglecting your own growth.

Aliveness is the only way to live.

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Some things aren't black and white

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Army phases out discrimination

Only personable, attractive Wacs seem to be assigned to high-level secretarial jobs at the Pentagon—which isn't surprising since nominations must include a full-length photo and personal interviews are required.

Only married officers may serve as tactical officers at West Point. Jewish personnel cannot be assigned to certain Middle East MAAGs.

Officers with Korean-born relatives cannot be assigned on an accompanied tour to Korea with those relatives. The PMS at college X must be black, the PMS at college Y must be of a specific religion while the PMS at Z must be married and willing to rent the house provided for him.

WAC officers normally aren't assigned to MAAGs and junior enlisted women normally won't be assigned to places where "appropriate housing and counseling" aren't available.

A colonel who came into the Army before 1950 cannot sit on most DA selection boards. Combat arms officers are preferred as ROTC instructors and district recruiting commanders...

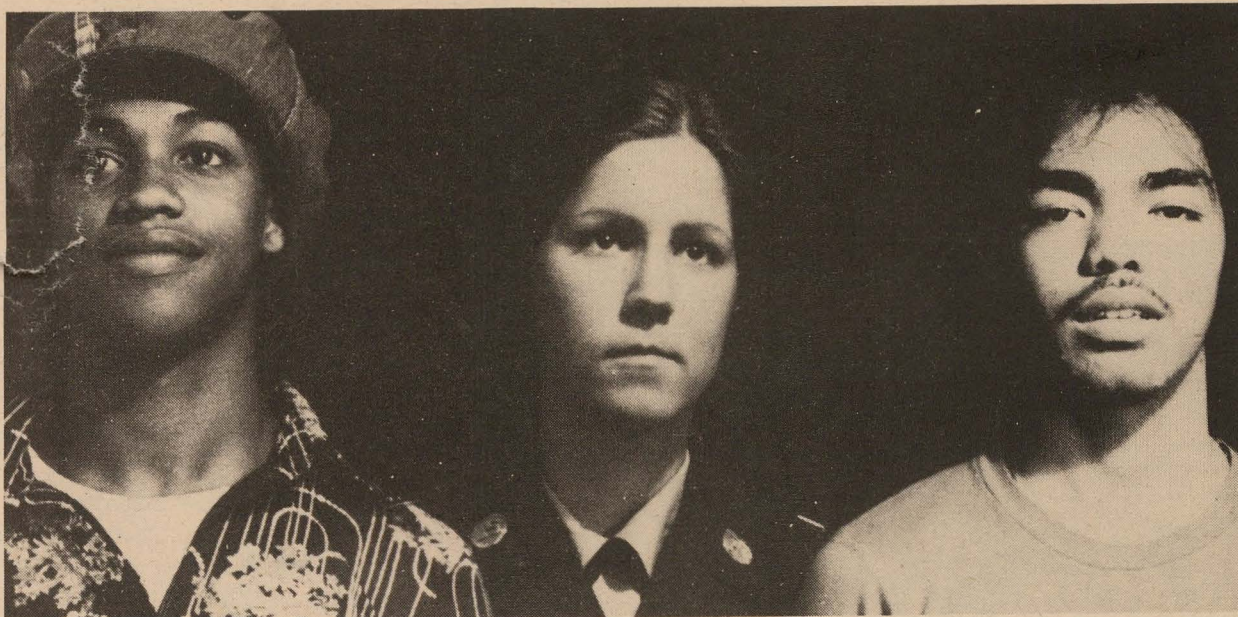
"Discriminating" practices, all.

Discriminating in that factors such as sex, race, religion, age, national origin, marital status, physical criteria, citizenship and similar characteristics were considered in the selection and assignment of Army military personnel.

And all of the above discriminating practices are being abolished based on the recommendations of an Army panel which recently studied equal opportunity and equal opportunity practices in the Army. (Equal opportunity applies to military personnel, equal employment opportunity to civilians.)

More than a score of other similar practices also will end.

The impetus for the review came when the President was asked about the Army's policy of not assigning Jewish personnel to activities in Saudi Arabia. The Army panel, comprised of general officers, was charged with examining that question and any other non-job-related qualifiers that would prevent a person from being placed in an assignment.



U.S. Army photo by C.D. Steen

The panel's study turned up 143 selection and assignment practices which appeared to discriminate on factors not strictly related to job qualification. Seventy-four practices were either referred to DoD for resolution or to the appropriate staff office for additional study.

Some practices which appear discriminatory will continue. For example, soldiers with more than four dependents cannot be assigned to Japan—adequate housing is not available. Women cannot serve in combat arms MOSs. Overweight soldiers cannot serve as recruiters or drill sergeants since these jobs require projection of certain images.

The panel concluded that DoD policies on unfair discrimination are clear, but there are certain instances where proper discriminating actions should be authorized. There are now no established criteria for such exceptions; guidelines are being established.

The panel also found no single Army activity has total responsibility for EO/EEO policies and prog-

rams. No guidelines exist for collection and analysis of data required to manage equal opportunity. DA is studying ways of coping with these problems.

Although the panel's study ranged over many areas of discriminatory practices, time did not allow it to delve into other areas: off-post discrimination, institutional discrimination, racial incidents and others. Other practices based on age and time in service will get further study.

The panel concluded that equal opportunity is difficult to analyze. Policies and regulations can be reviewed but the greatest opportunities for equal opportunity abuses exist at the "grass roots" level of staff and management. Abuses accumulate and grow with time, often unwittingly and unintentionally. But, bit by bit, they grow into what is viewed as "institutional discrimination".

The panel's study did not uncover nor eliminate all discriminatory practices; the panel's work continues. But the study does focus on problems that impede EO/EEO. The Army's study provides the interest, emphasis and involvement needed to cope with the complexities of EO/EEO. (ANF).

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car pool

Dena Winham. 41st and Lincoln Way, S.F. Will share expenses. Telephone: 561-3551 (work).

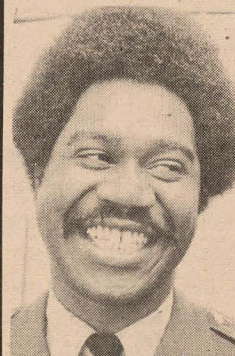
Frances Jamieson. 24th Avenue and Lake Street, S.F. to Ft. Baker. Will share expenses. Telephone: 751-7413 (after 6 p.m.).

Margaret Lyons. 900 block, Key Avenue, Bayview District, San Francisco. Will join car pool or share ride and expenses. Phone 5545.

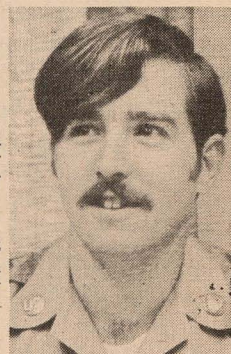
SFC Lawrence Knotts, 8412 Lakewood Avenue, Cotati, would like to join car pool. Phone 5022, 3934.

RAMBLIN' SAM

How are you continuing energy conservation?



SSG Jerry Harper, Human Relations: "I just sold my Cadillac and now transport myself by way of Muni!"



PFC Bob Atkins, 16th BPO: "I just joined a car pool which saves wear and tear on my car, as well as gas. My wife and I walk a lot which burns up a lot of personal energy, but saves gas."



1Sgt. Gerald V. McDowell, 170th MP Co.: "In our unit, electricity use is kept to a minimum. CQs are instructed to keep lights out in unused areas and make sure this rule is followed. Myself, I do the same thing at home."



PFC Wayne Thomas, 402nd MP Co.: "I drive a small economy car, and keep it tuned. This helps save gas—a primary concern today."



Mrs. Joanne Nielsen, Human Relations: "I walk a lot to get around. I've quit depending on electric appliances so much, which saves on electricity costs. For instance, instead of the clothes dryer, I let fresh air and sunshine dry my family's clothes."

News notes

PRESIDIAN plea

The STAR PRESIDIAN needs giveaway boxes for its paper. Carpentry-minded and generous people might give us a call at 561-2005.

Weekend Fort Scott buses

Starting tonight, a weekend bus service from the Ft. Scott barracks to the main post recreational facilities will be provided on a trial basis for one month. Buses will leave **Bldg 1208, Ft. Scott**, at 6:35 p.m., 8:35 p.m., 10 p.m., and 11:30 p.m. **Fridays**, and arrive **Infantry Terrace and Riley** (Service Club and Craft Shop) 6:40 p.m., 8:40 p.m., 10:05 p.m., and 11:35 p.m. **Saturday**, buses will leave **Fort Scott** at 10:05 a.m., 12 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 4 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 10 p.m., and 11:35 p.m., and arrive **Infantry Terrace** 10:10 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 5:50 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 10:05 p.m., and 11:37 p.m. **Sunday** buses will leave **Fort Scott** 12:05 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., and 9:40 p.m., and arrive **Infantry Terrace** 12:10 p.m., 2:05 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 5:50 p.m., 7:50 p.m., and 9:45 p.m.

Special Mass

To celebrate the 199th Anniversary of the first Catholic Mass conducted in the Bay Area, the Catholic community is presenting a special Mass Sunday, Sept. 14, at 11 a.m.

The celebration will be held in the Chapel of Our Lady with the principal Concelebrant being Chaplain (BG) Malanowski, Deputy Chief of Army Chaplains. He will be assisted by Chaplain (COL) Placki, 5th Army Chaplain and Chaplain (COL) Kapusta, 6th Army Chaplain.

Immediately following Mass a Mariachi band will perform on the chapel patio. Refreshments will be served.

Services May Enlist Indochina Evacuees

The U.S. may soon be recouping a portion of the military training and skills given to former Indochina allies.

The Department of Defense recently announced that Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees who meet current service standards, have been admitted to the U.S. as resident aliens and who have undergone training by U.S. armed forces will be given preferential enlistment into the U.S. military services.

It is estimated that there are between 6,000 and 8,000 refugees who potentially fall into this category. Of these, some have yet to receive resident alien status.

In addition, another 11,000 to 13,000 male refugees of enlistment age who have not had U.S. military training will be allowed to compete with U.S. citizens for enlistment when they receive resident status; they will not receive preferential enlistment. (ANF)

Corrections to the bus schedule run in the August 22 edition:

All Jr. high school students in the 5, 7, 8, and 1000 blocks go to Francisco or Marina Jr. High Schools (to determine which, call the education office, 4445). High school students in those blocks go to Galileo High School. All other Jr. high school students go to Roosevelt Jr. High School. All other high school students go to Washington High School.

COURTESY

Make everyone happy—return your shopping cart to the front of the commissary.

City lights

City Lights is a list of free or inexpensive events occurring around the city. Unless a fee is mentioned, there is no charge.

Friday, 5th Relax to the combination of music and laser effects at the California Academy of Sciences' Laserium. Some of the program is computerized, but the laser operator improvises many of the effects to the delight of the audience.

The Laserium is at Morrison Planetarium, Golden Gate Park, and shows are 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 p.m. on Fridays, an additional 4:45 matinee on Saturdays, and 4:45, 7:30, and 9:00 p.m. on Sundays. Call Teletix or buy tickets at the door for \$2.75 evening, \$2.50 for the 4:45 matinee.

Saturday, 6th The State Fair (free for active duty military), continues through September 9 in Sacramento. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Some highlights for today are, an Old Time Fiddlers Contest, horse racing, Nevada Jack and the Blue Canyon Gang, Wild West Stage, milking contest, Draft Horse Show, Cavalcade of American Musical Theatre, Floriculture Pavilion, and fireworks.

Sunday, 7th You can either watch or join in the fun at the Come Fly A Kite Festival being held on the Polo Field, in Golden Gate Park, 9 a.m. Young people of any age are welcome.

Later, if you're still up for bright colors, join the walking tour of Chinatown, including dinner in a Chinatown restaurant, leaving from the USO at 3:00 and costing \$2.50.

Monday, 8th About a mile out of Sausalito at 2100 Bridgeway the Army Corps of Engineers has a working model of the Bay area, including the tide cycle repeating every 14 minutes. The model is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, and the tides will be activated through September 12.

Tuesday, 9th There will be an exhibit of handmade toys from Latin America at the Eureka Valley Branch of the SF Public Library through October 10.

Wednesday, 10th Marcella Decray, a popular harpist, will perform at the Palace of Fine Arts tonight at 8 p.m. Admission, 25¢.

Thursday, 11th Morrison Planetarium in Golden Gate Park has a new show, Of Man and the Stars. There is a 2 p.m. matinee every day, and an 8 p.m. show Wednesdays and Thursdays. Weekends and Holidays there are two additional shows at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for over eighteen and 50¢ for under.



Many things of beauty can be found around the Presidio—plant life in particular. This flower blooms along Arguello Blvd. and photographer C. D. Steen captured its delicate loveliness on film.

Overpayments can cost you

from Army News Features

Consider this: It's the end of the month—and surprise of surprises—there's an extra hundred dollars in Private Smith's paycheck. What does Smith do?

Smith's problem is easily solved. He should contact his finance office about the overpayment. If finance can't find the error, Smith should stash the 100 bucks just in case an auditor finds the error a year later and "Uncle" wants his money back.

Now consider this: Specialist Jones moved into post housing five months ago but he continued to draw \$86.10 a month for BAQ. The error has been discovered and "Uncle" is taking back \$86.10 a month to correct the overpayment. Jones is in a "big hurt" and needs the money. What does Jones do?

Jones has a bigger problem. He should see his unit commander. The CO will check the reg (AR 37-104-3) to see if Jones may apply for "remission or cancel-

lation" of the debt - available only to enlisted soldiers.

The application may be based on hardship, injustice or both. Under hardship, repayment—either because of the amount or timing—must cause Jones or his family to suffer unduly. To support his claim, Jones must document where his money goes each month.

For a claim based on injustice, he has to prove the erroneous payment did not occur through his fault. If Jones files a claim based on injustice and if he is also in a financial bind, the application should say so. DA will look at the situation from both angles—hardship and injustice. If Jones doesn't have enough evidence to prove injustice, he might gain approval because of hardship.

There are several overpayment situations that don't qualify for remission or cancellation of indebtedness. These include when a soldier's pay is not reduced promptly after a court-martial, when an

other than honorable discharge is pending, or when indebtedness arises from situations where a soldier is liable for damage to or loss of another service's property.

If the CO and Jones decide an application for remission or cancellation of the debt is warranted, Jones must fill out the necessary paper work (DA Form 3508-R). Money collected by the government before the date of the CO's indorsement on the form may not be considered for cancellation. Money collected before the signing of the form is gone for good.

Another point to remember: If Jones is due to get out of the Army within 30 days, the CO should ask the finance office to send the request to DA by message. This is important because indebtedness can't be remitted or cancelled after discharge.

There's a moral to this story: If you get an unexpected windfall from Uncle Sam, be leery. Check with the finance office before you celebrate.

Promotion packets for 7s, 8s, 9s

The top three enlisted grades, if they are up for promotion, will now have "promotion consideration packets" mailed to them from Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., according to an announcement from the U.S. Army Enlisted Records Center (ERC).

The packets will go to soldiers in the primary zone of consideration for promotion to grades E7, E8, and E9.

Included in the packets will be the following documents for review by the soldiers: efficiency reports, MOS evaluation evidence of military/civilian schooling,

awards and decorations, letters of recommendation for promotion, letters of commendation/appreciation, and indication as to whether a photo is in file.

Those in the E8 primary zone will receive packets in September. The other boards will meet later.

Copies of documents to be added to the official military personnel file (OMPF) should be returned to the ERC no later than December 15, 1975, addressed to the Commander, US Army Enlisted Records Center, ATTN: PCRC-O, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. 46249.

She'd rather switch

By Carol Cronin

The next voice you hear may be Mrs. Claire Shook's. At least if you need help from a Presidio telephone operator at night. And rest assured that your call will be in good hands. Mrs. Shook has been a telephone operator here at the Presidio for 29 years, the last 15 of which were at night.

In 1946 she came to the Presidio with her husband, who was in the Sixth Army Engineers, and started the job as operator just to help get them over the expense of moving. However, the job has been interesting enough to keep her from leaving.

What was it like when she first started? She says, "Of course the switchboards were much busier then. There were 24 to 30 operators, with 18 to 20 of them on duty each weekday. Now there are only about one-fourth that many."

Although the telephone exchange handled the same area then as now, (the Presidio, Fort Mason, Fort Scott, Fort Baker, Fort Barry, Fort Cronkite, and Letterman Army Medical Center), ship traffic was much greater. Fort Mason hired crews for all ships on their piers by phone.

The operators were kept especially busy before AUTOVON was installed because they had to make a ticket on each toll or long distance call, which Mrs. Shook said easily reached 1,000 each day.

Until 1960 the switchboard was the same one that had been used through World War II. At the time of its replacement it was one of only three of its type in use.

She has had contact with a lot of personalities over the years. Her first was with General Joseph W. Stilwell, the Commander of the Presidio when she was being trained on the switchboard. On her first connection, he barked "Stilwell here!" so abruptly that she panicked, took off the headset, and handed it to the next



Photo by C.D. Steen

Mrs. Sue Wilson performs needlework on one of 50 1870-period uniforms worn by the Presidio Bicentennial Ceremonial Unit. Mrs. Wilson, and four other members of the Enlisted Wives' Club, voluntarily contributed their individual seamstress talents in order to custom tailor each suit for every member of the ceremonial unit. The women have been busy for the past few weeks tailoring the uniforms so that they would be ready to be worn for California's Admission Day Parade in San Francisco, and the Fairyland Anniversary Parade in Oakland September 7. Mrs. Mellie Gevry, Mrs. Marilyn Mann, Mrs. Herta Stuhler, and Mrs. Ruth Lamirande are the other volunteers.



Photo by C.D. Steen

What can you make from a few pieces of wood and a couple yards of remnant carpet material? Well, two enterprising Presidio youths turned this material into go-carts. Twelve-year-old Chris Wentworth, and 14-year-old Martin McCarty, fashioned their go-carts themselves. And after adding wheels, a steering mechanism, and a handbrake, utilizing an old baseball bat, they were ready to go! Martin wanted to add "extras" to his cart, so he added a horseshoe for a "hood" ornament and even added a tape-recorder with speaker so he could listen to music as he rode. Chris is the son of Major Peter Wentworth, 6th Army reserve training officer, and Martin is the son of Doctor (COL.) Richard McCarty, Letterman Hospital.



Photo by C.D. Steen

Get in gear with Outdoor Recreations

By C. D. Steen

Fall is upon us. But in California, Autumn is the start of some of the best weather of the year. The air is warm, the skies are clear and sunny...perfect weather for camping, boating, fishing, hiking, you name it. And if this appears to be something, Outdoor Recreations wants you to know, you're right!

With beautiful weather to look forward to in the next couple of months, all the things mentioned are just waiting to be done and it isn't necessary for you to own any equipment to do these things. Outdoor Recreations has it all. All you need do is go to building 122, downstairs, and recreation specialists Richard Larsen, or PFC George Rush will get you started.

The equipment isn't free, but is rented out by the day or week for a very low price. The two specialists will give you free information about where to go for some of these activities, however.

There is a list of items and prices available below. SCUBA equipment, not on the list, is also available. In order to rent gear, a certificate to prove experience with SCUBA gear is required. Honored are: NAUI, PADI, YMCA, and NASDS members.

Something new has been added for all camping buffs. Recreation services now has three camping trailers. Two are self-contained, 16-foot trailers, and one is not self-contained. They all sleep six people. Rental of these trailers is by reservation only.

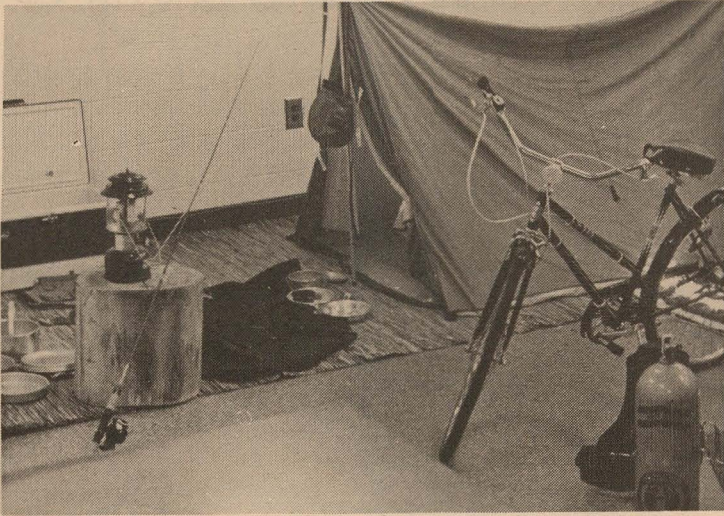


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Additional information can be had by calling Outdoor Recreations at 4324/4356.

CAMPING:	DAILY	WEEKLY
TENT - Back Pack	.75	3.00
TENT - 2-Man	1.00	4.00
TENT - Umbrella	1.25	5.00
TENT - Family	1.50	6.00
LANTERN	.75	3.00
STOVE - Coleman	.75	3.00
STOVE - Backpack	.25	1.00
HATCHET	.25	.75
COOK SET - (4)	.25	.75
COOK SET - (2)	.25	.75

WATER JUG - Plastic	nc	nc
WATER COOLER - Insulated	.50	2.00
ICE COOLER	.75	3.00
FIRST AID KIT	nc	nc
BACK & FRAME	1.00	4.00
DAY PACK	.25	1.00
PONCHO	.25	1.00
SLEEPING BAG	.50	
(\$2.00 CLEANING FEE)		
AIR MATTRESS	.25	1.00
SLEEPING PAD - Insulite	nc	nc
COT - Folding	.25	1.00

FISHING:		
ROD & REEL - Salt Water	1.00	4.00
FISHING WADERS	.50	2.00
CREEL - Canvas	nc	nc
TACKLE BOX	nc	nc
NET - Landing	.25	1.00
NET - Trout	nc	nc
CRAB NET & ROPE	.50	2.00

BIKING:		
BICYCLE - 3-Speed	1.00	4.00
BICYCLE - 5-Speed Tandem	1.25	5.00
DAY PACK	.25	1.00
CAR RACK	.50	2.00
LOCK & CHAIN	nc	nc
WATERCRAFT		
FISHING BOAT - 14'	2.00	8.00
ANCHOR	nc	nc
MOTOR - Fishing	2.00	8.00
TRAILER - Boat	2.00	8.00
CARRIER - Car Top	.75	3.00
CANOE - 17'	2.00	8.00
LIFE JACKETS	nc	nc
OARS & OARLOCKS	.50	2.00
PADDLES	nc	nc
BUMPER HITCH	.75	3.00

SNOW SKIING:		
SKIS - Alpine	2.00	8.00
POLES - Alpine	nc	nc
SKI BOOTS - Alpine	1.00	4.00
PANTS - Ski	.50	2.00
(\$1.00 Cleaning Fee)		
JACKETS - Ski	.50	2.00
SKIS - X-Country	1.00	4.00
POLES - X-Country	nc	nc
BOOTS - X-Country	.50	2.00
CARRIER - Car Top	.50	2.00

Sports

Tennis

COMPLETION OF YOUTH PROGRAM

The Presidio Youth Tennis Instruction ended its 11 week program on August 28, in a flurry of excitement. Championship finals in each of the four groups were filled with spinetingling rallies and showed the progress the youths made this summer.

In the younger groups, Shiela Flower and Denise Schmidt edged Patty Canfield and Ann Payne; Xan Clemmer and Coreen Stander won a stunning upset over the favored team of Michael Wright and Kori Clemmer.

The older groups proceeded to generate an equal amount of tension in their finals. Fred Parker and Connie McFarland rallied to defeat Tina Ealy and Matthew Nicholson.

In another squeaker, Robert Braehmer and Debbie Canfield won over Lisa Rusiewica and Frank Braehmer.

Instructors for this program were John Bezverkov and Jackie Wilhelmy.

CG Tourney

Almost 150 military and civilian players turned out for the 3rd annual Commanding General's Golf Tournament, held last Friday at the Presidio Golf Course, but only a handful walked away with prizes.

Playing as foursomes, a format used for the first time this year, military and civilian employees of the Presidio had four different titles they could shoot for, and 14' played well enough around the 18-hole course to pick up individual merchandise prizes.

Coming in first with a net score of 55 were Murray Rayden, Richard Scott, Ralph Boyless, and Ben Reese. Trevor Bissey, Arnold Feener, James Garnett, and Phillip DiCallo turned in the best gross scores of 70.

Awards were also presented to individuals coming closest to a hole-in-one on four preselected holes. Winners were George Woodard, Jr., missing hole #3 by just 2 feet, 8 inches; Barney Wolf on hole #6 came within 4 feet, 10 inches; Robert Dittmer at hole #13 was 7 feet, 6 inches away; and Virgil Gertz lucked out by taking a prize and being as far away as 18 feet, 10 inches at hole #16.

There were awards for the longest drives with Charles C. Morrison and James Farren winning at holes #9 and #11 respectively.

Official measurements for the awards was provided by members of the Presidio Golf Club Ladies Auxiliary.

The merchandise prizes ranged from golf bags to the first place foursome, to sweaters for other winners.

Baseball

The Armed Forces Bantam League Invitational Baseball Tournament, hosted by the Presidio Youth Baseball Association, got started last weekend and will continue this weekend. In action last weekend at the minor league level, boys and girls, ages 8-10, from Hamilton Air Base defeated Treasure Island 16-12 to capture the championship trophy for the third consecutive year. The Presidio Team, managed

by Tom Gordon and Don Gabriel, were defeated by Treasure Island 5-2 in the semi-finals and placed third in the tournament.

This weekend, the all stars from the major league level, boys and girls ages 11-12, will compete. Teams representing Travis AFB, Treasure Island, Alameda NAS, Presidio and two teams from the San Francisco City League will participate. The double elimination tournament is played at Pop Hicks and Ft Scott ball fields with games Thursday and Friday at 1730 hours, four games Saturday and two games Sunday with the championship game at 1400 hours at Pop Hicks.

GAME SUMMARIES (MINOR LEAGUE)

Date	Game
28 Aug	#1 Travis AFB 8-Alameda #1 2
	#2 Treasure Island 4-Presidio 2
29 Aug	#3 Hamilton AFB 19-Alameda #2 1
	#4 Presidio 11-Alameda #1 2
30 Aug	#5 Treasure Island 10-Travis 9
	#6 Presidio 21-Alameda #2 0
	#7 Hamilton AFB 2-Treasure Island 0
	#8 Presidio 11-Travis AFB 6
	#9 Treasure Island 5-Presidio 2
31 Aug	#10 Hamilton AFB 16-Treasure Island 12

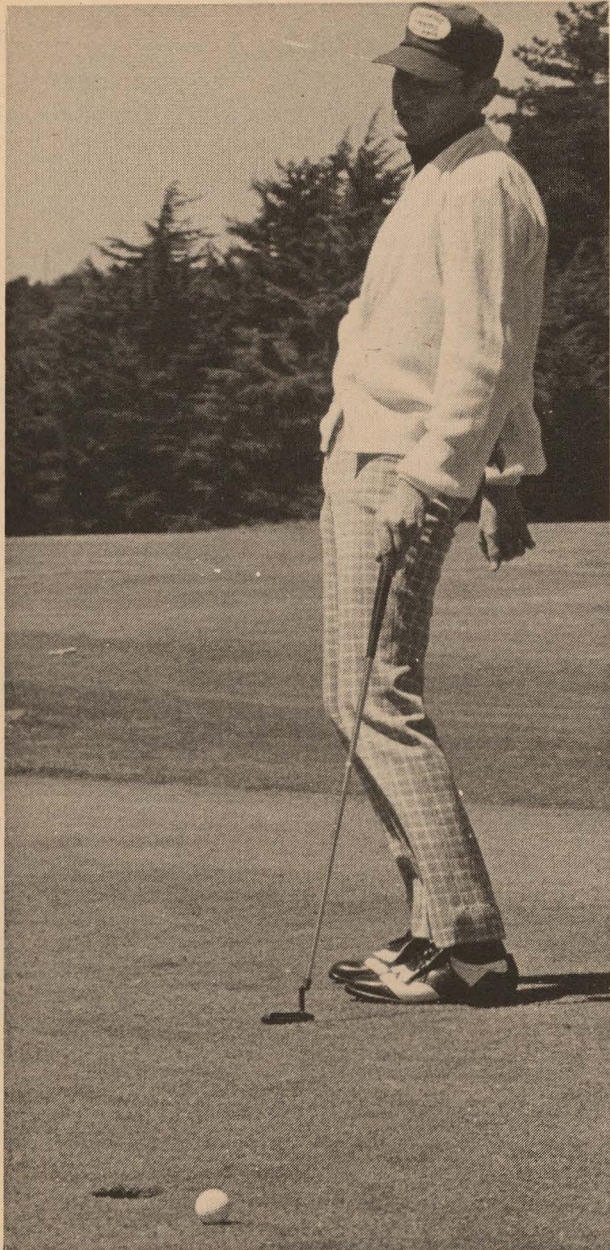


Photo by C.D. Steen

L. R. Burdick, president of the Presidio Army Golf Club, watches as his putt misses the 18th-hole cup by inches during last Friday's Commanding General's Golf Tournament held at the Presidio Golf Course.



Photo by C.D. Steen

Presidio MPs did not make a goof when they painted "military police" backwards on their patrol van. The idea is to make it easily recognized by a driver of a vehicle in front of the van when viewed in the rearview mirror. Belowt is how it would look to a driver looking at his mirror.

Firemen have long memories

By Carol Cronin

The Presidio Fire Department still chuckles over the time one of their now retired firemen answered a woman, "Ma'am, have you ever seen a cat's skeleton hanging in a tree?", when she wouldn't believe the cat would come down on its own if she put a bowl of food at the bottom of the tree.

Captain Aubrey E. Lord, a twenty-one year veteran of the Presidio Fire Station, and Mr. George P. Kipkin, retired from the Army and working at the station for the last fourteen years, also remember the time they were asked to rescue a parrot from a tree. As is usually the case with cats stuck in trees, the bird had rescued itself and was long gone by the time the firemen arrived.

Captain Lord grew up in San Francisco and can even remember the Bay before the Golden Gate Bridge was completed. Next month he will begin his retirement in this same city.

George Kipkin spent twenty years in the Army in artillery, and transportation before becoming a fireman.

Of course, most of their job is more difficult than rescuing cats and parrots, and it doesn't always have a happy ending.

In 1972 a freak set of waves hit the coast, and engulfed a young girl playing at the waters edge at Fort Scott, pulling her seaward in its backwash. The girl's aunt, in trying to save her, was overpowered also. Captain Lord swam out and retrieved one body, but the Coast Guard picked up the other. Unfortu-

nately, neither victim survived.

Since there are so many beaches on or near the military installations, and the undertow is so great in this area, water rescues are a primary concern of the department. About a year ago a scuba team began training. There are now eight certified men capable of water and underwater rescues.

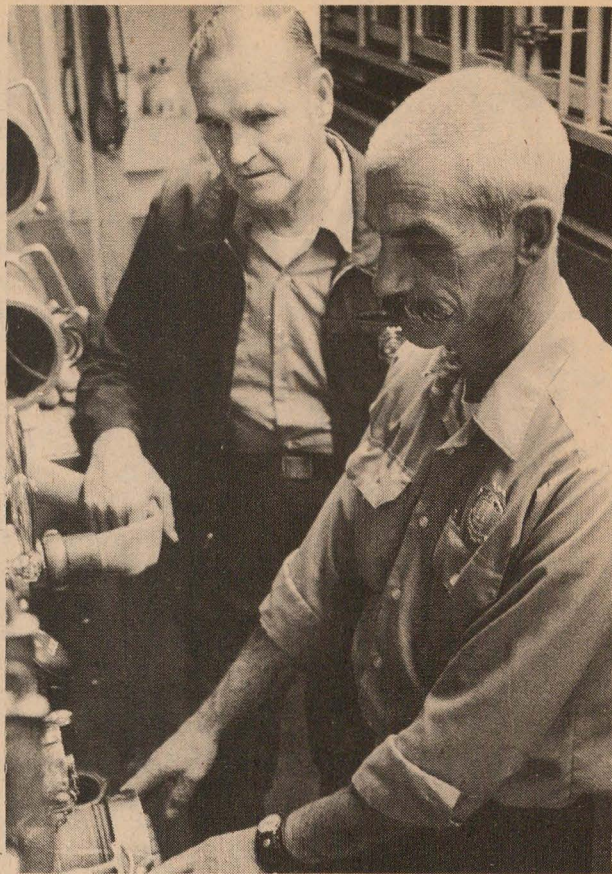
In addition to Scuba training, the firemen learn mouth to mouth resuscitation and other first aid techniques, since they may be on the scene before the ambulance.

When not actually out on call, there is still plenty to do. "We have building inspections, hydrant and fire equipment checks, service calls on reported gas leaks, etc." says Mr. Kipkin.

These preparations are to prevent fires such as the one in April of 1965 in a wooden field commissary warehouse down by where the commissary is now. Both men were working that day, and so helped fight one of the few five alarm fires the Presidio has had.

All of the Presidio's fire fighting equipment was used, and a lot of the San Francisco Fire Department's. The cause of the blaze was never determined.

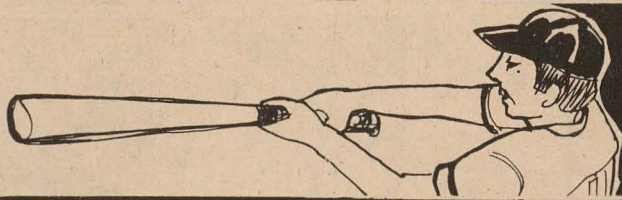
Captain Lord, looking at his twenty-one years in the department, feels that, "All the changes have been for the better, and the department continues to work toward improving their capabilities and efficiency."



U.S. Army photo by C.D. Steen

George P. Kipkin and Captain Aubrey E. Lord, long time veterans of the Presidio Fire Department, check the equipment of one of the department's fire engines.

Sports



The man in the striped shirt

By Anonymo S. Writer

HELP WANTED: Individual needed to enforce rules and regulations. Must be willing to spend several hours in classroom and field training without pay. Should be deaf and able to purchase approximately \$200.00 worth of uniforms at his own expense. Pay is less than cost of uniform laundry expenses.

Sound like the ideal job that you have always been looking for?

To the handful of football officials who will be on the field at the Presidio this year, it's not a job. It's more like a hobby—a hobby that can become more addicting than any drug.

To the average fan and player the official is just the blind blankety blank who throws the red flag. Yet without him, there can be no game. He is the individual who represents law and order on the field.

What does it really take to be an official? Love of the game is probably the most important single ingredient an individual must possess. Then there is the pre-season preparation. Several hours of classroom type instruction are required to insure that both the "rookie" and veteran alike are familiar with the rules and even more important, the proper interpretation of the rules.

Next comes the field training aspect. In the official's jargon, it's referred to as mechanics. Knowing where to be, how to get there and most important, maintaining the integrity of the box—insuring that all members of the official's team hold a proper position on each play that will enable them to keep all of the action completely surrounded.

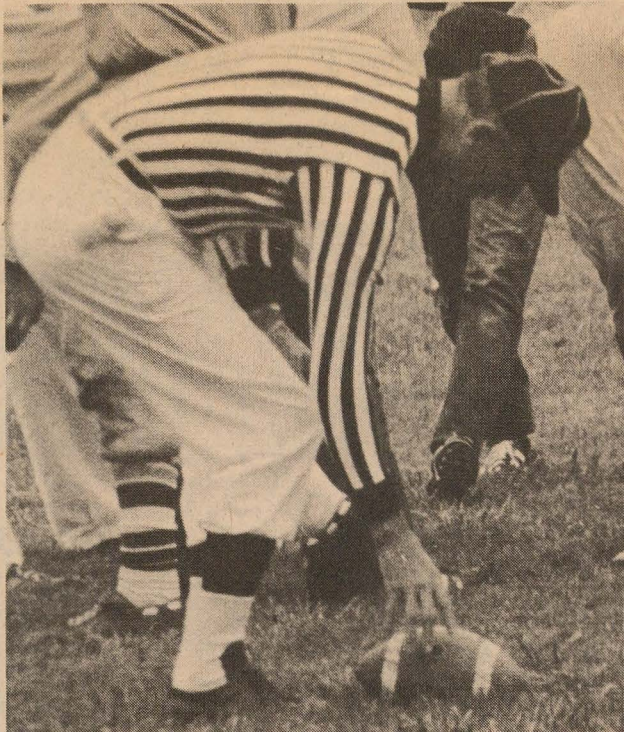


photo by David M. Ruff

Then there is the little matter of providing the items of uniform and equipment needed. Three pair of white knickers at \$24. per pair; three shirts at \$18. apiece; shoes at between \$30. and \$40. a pair; extra socks; hats at \$5.95 each; flags at \$7.95 apiece (four needed); and a myriad of miscellaneous items such as game cards, rubber bands and markers. For the man in the striped shirt who may be working in cold weather areas, the jacket is a must at \$48.

Tinsley on the mound picking up a 9-3 victory to wind up the seven-team, double elimination tournament.

Last weekend, youth baseball action marked the second straight tourney win for the Presidio team. They swept four in a row last month at Treasure Island.

In the eight games they played during both tournaments, Presidio hammered out 104 runs while yielding only 18 and compiled a team batting average of .385.

The Presidio team was coached by Pete Sitov and Paul Giese with John Payne serving as tournament director.

In Thursday night's opener, the Presidio nine hammered Treasure Island to the tune of 23-2 with Marty Stori picking up the win. Friday night's action was called at the end of the fifth inning as heavy fog

At most military installations around the world, the rate of pay is \$5.00 per game.

Why does he do it then? The answer you will most often get really doesn't answer the question at all. "I just like it. I want to."

That still leaves the basic question of why unanswered. Why would a person be willing to lay out large sums of money that will take him several seasons to recupe if indeed he ever does? Why would an individual willingly subject himself to the constant abuse and harrassmennt that an official must take while pretending not to hear? Why work any number of pre-season games free just for the practice?

It's certainly not for the monetary remuneration. Then what? It can only be because "I want to." It's the love of the game of football and the consuming desire to be a part of it.

And despite the many disadvantages to working the military circuit, there are advantages too. Especially to the new official getting started. He will get the game experience he needs to get started. It's this experience factor that he must have if and when he decides to apply for membership in any established civilian officials association.

The next time you see what appears to be an obvious "goof" by the man in the stripped shirt, remember before you start chewing on him that if in fact he did blow the call, he's going to hear about it from the senior official on the field. Either at half time or at the end of the game.

And with some of the old-time ref's in the business here, you can be assured that it's going to be one royal chewing by a pro.

rolled over the field at Ft. Scott with Ricky Medina shutting out Alameda, 13-0. Medina had a hand in Saturday morning's defeat of Corpus Christi with a pair of three-run homers paving the way to an 11-1 victory for pitcher John Dill.

Winter bowling

The 1975-76 Winter Intramural Bowling League will commence on or about September 16, 1975, starting at 1 p.m. at the Presidio Bowling Center.

The league is limited to active duty military personnel assigned or attached to this installation and belonging to specific units authorized to participate in the Presidio Intramural Program. Personnel must participate with their parent organization.

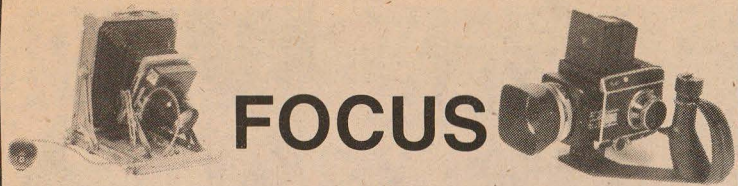
Further information may be obtained by calling Ext. 4120/5032.

Youth sports

The Presidio Major League team swept their second straight tournament in as many months last week-end in the youth baseball program, racking up 104 runs while only yielding six in a superb display of pitching and overall defensive play.

In Thursday night's opener, the Presidio nine hammered Treasure Island to the tune of 23-2 with Marty Stori picking up the win. Friday night's action was called at the end of the fifth inning as heavy fog rolled over the field at Ft. Scott with Ricky Medina shutting out Alameda, 13-0. Medina had a hand in Saturday morning's defeat of Corpus Christi with a pair of three-run homers paving the way to an 11-1 victory for pitcher John Dill.

In Sunday afternoon's final game, the Presidio met Corpus Christi again and this time it was George



FOCUS

Following is the first of a series on photographic problems written by ace cameraman/signal corpsman, Tony Reyes ("Who?" to his friends). He works in the post photo lab. If you have a question on photography send it to the PRESIDIAN and we'll give it to him.

OMIGOD, the meter is not working... This usually happens when you are confronted with the shot of a lifetime, or your pretty model is smiling expectantly at you, and suddenly you realize with a sinking feeling that the meter in your camera is not working. What to do? No, a one way ticket out of town is not the answer. Feigning sudden, total incapacitation is out, too. Fear not, you can calculate exposures quite accurately by a simple method:

A front-lighted subject in normal sunlight, outdoors, takes a basic exposure combination of f/16, and whatever shutter speed is closest numerically to the ASA rating of your film. Example: Your camera is loaded with Tri-X black and white, rated at ASA 400. The shutter speed on your camera dial closest to 400 is 500. So your exposure is: Shutter speed 500, f/16.

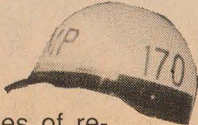
For Kodacolor (ASA 80) it works out to something like this: Shutter speed 125, f/11. Hold it! I know that the shutter speed nearest to 80 is 60, not 125 (look at your shutter speed dial on your camera.) But unless you have very steady hands, or you have the camera on a tripod, I wouldn't recommend shooting at speeds below 125. This helps avoid blurring of the picture caused by camera shake. So you go up to 125 instead of 60, and compensate by opening up one f/stop, from f/16 to f/11.

A side-lighted subject requires more exposure: Open up one stop, f/11 and 500 for Tri-X, f/8 and 125 for Kodacolor.

A back-lit subject requires still more exposure: Open up two stops from basic exposure: Tri-X: F/8 and 500. Kodacolor: F/5.6 and 125.

Simple, yes, and it works, too. Happy shooting.

The blotter



Recently, there have been a series of reported incidents of theft which have taken place within administrative offices on the Presidio. Property that has been reported stolen have been women's purses and wallets which have contained money, credit cards, and other items.

Subsequent investigation has disclosed that the thief's M.O. Modus Operandi is to enter various administrative offices during the lunch period 1130 through 1300 and to observe working areas to determine if employees have left their purses on or inside their desks. If stopped and questioned as to his reason for being in the area, he has stated that he was looking for a secretary and then gave a fictitious name.

Preventive Tips

1. Get to know your fellow employees to determine who should be in the area.
2. If you should see suspicious persons, and they are unable to account for their being in the area to your satisfaction, attempt to obtain some identification.
3. Attempt to contact the Military Police before the person leaves the area.
4. Most important, either maintain your valuables on your person, or keep them under lock and key when you are away.

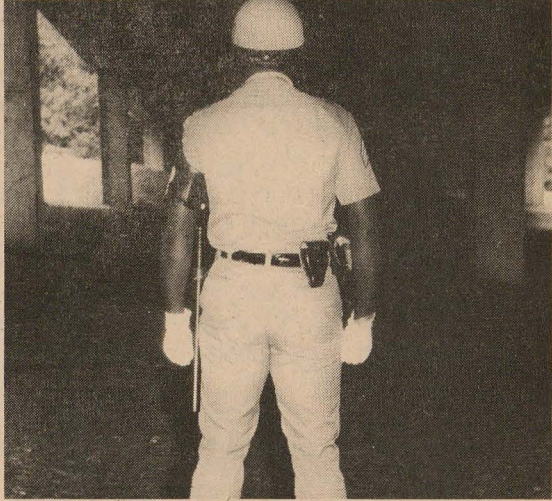
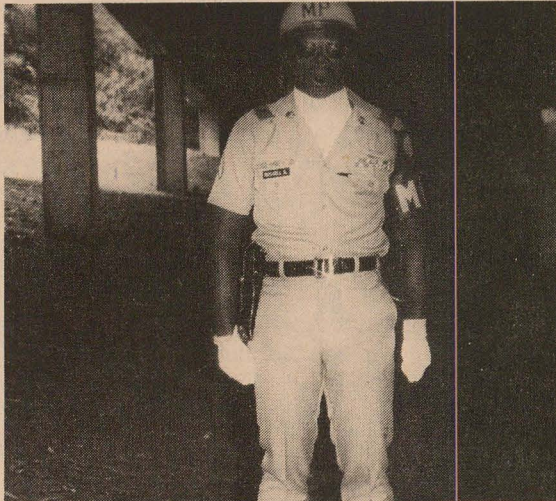
Crime Prevention is a team effort, do your part.

MPs want you to...

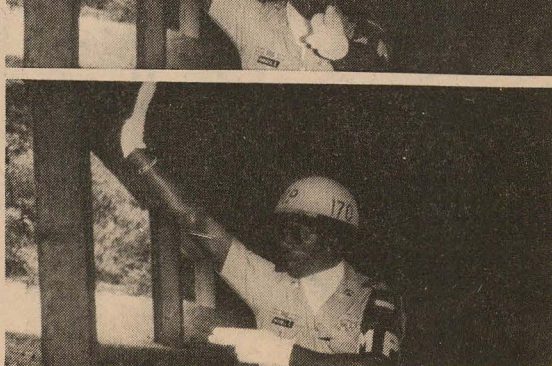
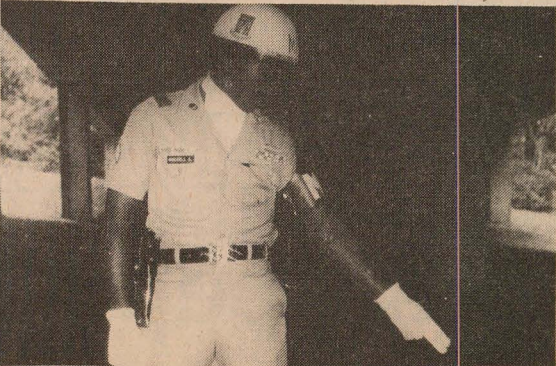
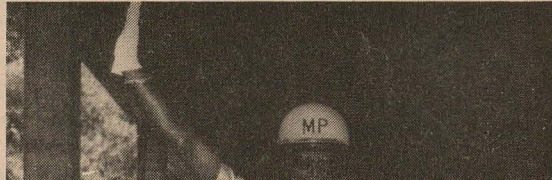
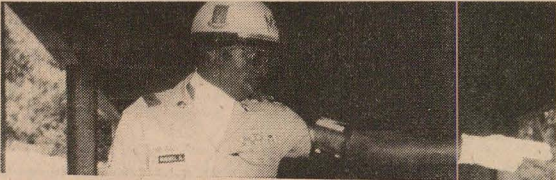
Stop! Look! and Listen!

The Military Police recently approached the Star Presidian to say that some motorists misinterpret their handsignals, so we present the following series of photos at their request to clarify these signals.

U.S. Army photos by C.D. Steen



Stop! (front or back)



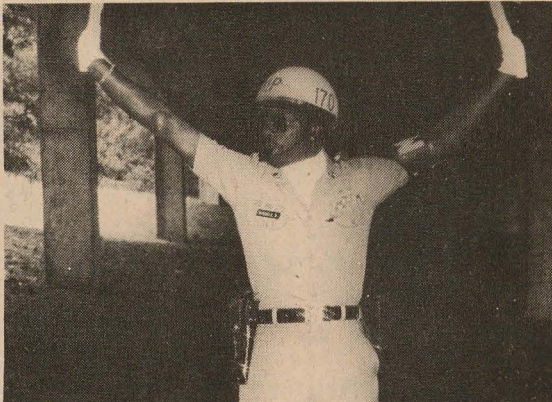
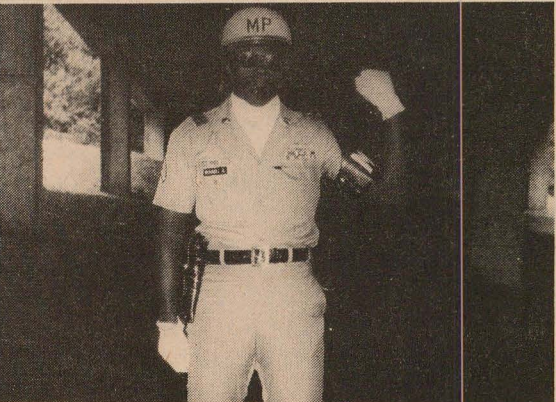
(2 part action) Come to this point

(2 part action) Turn left!



Go! (behind MP)

Go!



Go faster! (arm moves up and down)

Stop!

Help for problems

CPT Terence E. Patterson,

"Social Work Service, Letterman Army Medical Center, May I Help You?" That's what it's all about. Located in the old hospital headquarters, Bldg 1016, across from the Post Swimming Pool, a staff of eighteen provides a variety of services to anyone who is eligible to use LAMC facilities.

What is available to you from Social Work Service? Here is a breakdown of the many services you can receive. The first major section is the Health Care Planning Team. Their primary mission is to provide social case work to patients in medical-surgical clinics and wards. Many patients are assisted by these specialists in arranging for care after leaving the hospital. Special coverage is provided to patients on hemodialysis (kidney machines) and to patients with problem pregnancies.

A Social Work Problem Solving Clinic is operated within Letterman next to the pharmacy turn in window

on the second floor. It is a walk-in service to help people quickly get the proper social services out of the maze of possible services in the military and civilian communities. The clinic offers crises intervention service and well as information and referral service for a wide range of personal and family problems. No appointment is necessary and phone inquiries can be by calling 561-4355.

Family Life Services is the newest section of Social Work, and most services are provided to outpatients here. Professional counselors provide marriage counseling, family therapy, Parents' Workshops, Groups for Adolescents, and Human Communication Laboratories. Anyone eligible at LAMC is welcome to come in for a one-time "marital check-up", or for long-term counseling. Parents' Workshops and an Adolescent Group are now open for enrollment and will begin in early October.

The third major function of LAMC Social Work is Professional Support Services. Coordination is maintained here with other military human service agencies both on and off Post, such as Army Community Service, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, American Red Cross and Social Work Departments at

Travis Air Force Base, Oak Knoll Regional Naval Medical Center, and Fort Ord. Contact is also maintained on a regular basis with civilian agencies in the areas of child care (adoption, foster care, day care)

and social work administration. In addition, consultation is provided by this section, as requested, on psycho-social dynamics and social policy.

The staff of Social Work Service at LAMC are eager to serve you. Please call 561-3208, 4297, or 5250 or visit Bldg 1016 for prompt attention.

Ramblin' Sam



What changes would you like to see in Army uniforms?



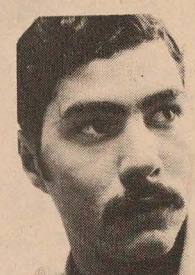
SSG Norman Kennedy, NCOIC enlisted records MILPO: "There are uniforms for combat, manual work, and office work. How about a uniform especially made for physical fitness? There seems to be an upswing towards keeping fit, yet we have to wear out our fatigues doing this. I'd like to see an Army-issued gym suit that would be used just for the reason of keeping in shape."



Sp4 Rhonda Lilley, officer records clerk: "I'd like to see a more becoming women's class 'A' uniform (Summer cords). I don't think they are very stylish or feminine. A newer and better design is in store."



Thelma Keith, personnel: "Women's uniforms all have an old fashioned look to them and I'd like to see changes made. Somebody submits a design to DA and they say yes or no to it, and the final uniform really isn't that appealing. Maybe if women interested in seeing a style change would send fashion design ideas to DA, a compromise between what women would like to see on them and what DA would like to see on them, could be implemented."



Sp4 Ismael Delgado, admin clerk, post headquarters: "How about a more modern and better look for the class 'A' greens? The Navy has the right idea with their double-breasted chief's coat. A better looking coat would, I believe, make a soldier prouder to wear it."

News notes

Speak! Speak! Speak!

Open discussion forum. ADAP Counseling Service is sponsoring a brand new, theme centered, communication group on Friday, Sept. 12 at 11:30 a.m., in the Community Rap Center, Bldg. 201. The topic to be discussed at the first gathering is "Man the Manipulator" based on psychologist Eric Shostrom's concepts. The discussion will be led by Chaplain Robinson of LAMC. Come and be heard; express and share your views!

Some upcoming subjects will be: Sept. 19, "Religious Values and Peak Experiences" by Dr. Abraham H. Maslow, discussion leader: Ms. Henriques; Sept. 26, "Psychosynthesis and Meditation" based upon the work of Asigiou & Shasfri, discussion leader: Chap Robinson. Oct 3, "The Pleasure Bond" by Virginia E. Johnson and William H. Masters, a new look at sexuality and commitment, discussion leader: Mr. Phillips.

GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATION

Girl Scout Registration for girls from 2nd through 12th grades, (Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior Scouts), will be accepted - 1800 hours, Thursday and Friday, 11 and 12 September 1975, and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. hours, Saturday, 13 September 1975, at the Presidio Girl Scout House, Bldg. 566, Ruger Road (across street from Thrift Shop). Adult leaders and committeepersons are needed to help with the seven Presidio scout troops. Training is available for newcomers to the program.

For information, call morning until 1 p.m. Tel: 585-1028, Mrs. Peter Pedrotti, Chmn., or Tel: 561-4048, Mrs. HarloBHarlow Balderson.



September's Soldier of the Month is SP4 Reinhold Woykowski. Specialist Woykowski is assigned to the 864th Engineering Battalion (construction).

Chapel Youth Activities

Chapel Youth Groups will meet at the Religious Activities Center Bldg. 682, Lincoln Blvd. on Tuesday nights, at 7 p.m. These two "Young Life" clubs are open to all Junior and Senior High dependents. These groups provide opportunities for fun, fellowship, and personal growth in a distinctively religious atmosphere.

During the year members will be able to participate in outings such as ski trips and provide a needed service to the Post through the recycling effort.

The Protestant Sunday School will begin on Sept. 21, at 9 a.m. at the Religious Activities Center. This school offers classes for all ages Nursery through adult.

The Catholic Church School, "PREP", will begin Saturday, Sept. 27 at 9 a.m. at the Religious Activities Center. Classes will be offered for Kindergarten age through grade nine.

Bus service will be offered for both schools. For additional information please phone 561-3535.

City lights

By Carol Cronin

Friday, 12th Families are especially welcome tonight for Bill's free homecooked buffet at the USO, 1019 Market Street, beginning at 6 p.m. Bill Frey, the owner of Bill's Place, a restaurant on Clement, donates the food and service for these Friday night meals. All active duty military and dependents should feel free to drop in and eat your fill.

Saturday, 13th Thirty high-performance power boats start the 176-mile, Third Annual San Francisco Offshore Power Boat Race at 10 a.m. from the Berkeley Pier. Within minutes, boats traveling up to 90 miles an hour will be visible from the Marina green. The racers pass under the Golden Gate Bridge six times.

Sunday, 14th Take in the sounds of the People's Ballroom in the Panhandle, at the east end of Golden Gate Park at noon. Or if you'd prefer silence, the San

Francisco Mime Troop will perform at 2 p.m. in Lafayette Square.

Saturday and Sunday, Bay area residents will be able to trade places with the Colonial Villagers of 1776. Starting at 1 p.m., at the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Headquarters, Fort Mason, Franklin Avenue and Bay Streets, San Francisco, the 18th Century village of New Bristol will come alive. Stroll the grounds and meet the gunsmith, the leather worker, the pewterer, and the Village major of the year 1776. Talk with a contingent of continental soldiers. At 9 p.m., there will be a stage presentation of the village elements and military encampment. The day's events are free.

Monday, 15th Learn some of the plants of the area by taking a Plant Walk leaving from the Golden Gate Bridge tool plaza parking lot at 10 a.m. Follow-up

workshops on techniques for making plant prints, plant pressings, and compiling a herbarium are held Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The free workshops are sponsored by the San Francisco Community College. For information call 626-0996.

Tuesday, 16th See some bear wrestling, baby gorillas, and lions being fed at Fleishhaker zoo. Admission is free today and the hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday, 17th Where does a Cable Car call home? Visit the Cable Car Barn at Washington and Mason Streets, open 8 a.m. to midnight each day and see.

Thursday, 18th Windsurfing is a sport that's only about five years old. If you'd like to see some enthusiasts riding the Bay's waves on a surfboard with a sail, they practise off the Marina most Thursday evenings.

Action line

Q: In the "Action Line" of the STAR PRESIDIAN July 25 edition, there were two questions pertaining to engineering of one type or another. The answer to the first question was that "the work would be done before the rainy season". The other answer was that "the San Pablo Reserve Unit would do the work".

I would like to know what happened to our 864th Engineering Battalion? Why does someone have to wait 3 years to have the drainage in front of his house fixed while the men in the 864th are just sitting around becoming bored and disgusted with the Army? Why give the jobs to the "Reservists" who'll only be here for a couple of weeks while the men in the 864th are here sometimes for 2 years doing things like sweeping sidewalks, etc.?

And one more thing, why couldn't they have been utilized in the razing of the old hospital? Grant it, you may have had to employ a civilian

consultant to teach or re-teach the men on the techniques of doing that sort of work; but isn't that their purpose in the Army - engineering? Give these men of the 864th Engr. Bn. something constructive and purposeful to do. Let them put to use what they Army spent money training them to do.

Ginni Loss, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program

A: The men in Co. D 864th Engr. Bn. have many construction projects assigned for accomplishment during FY76. Among them are such jobs as rehabilitation of the dining facility in Bldg 101 and building a rifle range at Camp Parks. In addition, these men have field training, guard duty and many other tasks which fully utilize their time.

Building demolitions has limited training value for an Engineer unit. Co D 864th has taken down 3 buildings in the past year which is sufficient for this purpose.

LTC. Terence C. Howard, Facilities Engineer

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Take care of the environment. We only have one.

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Teen club change

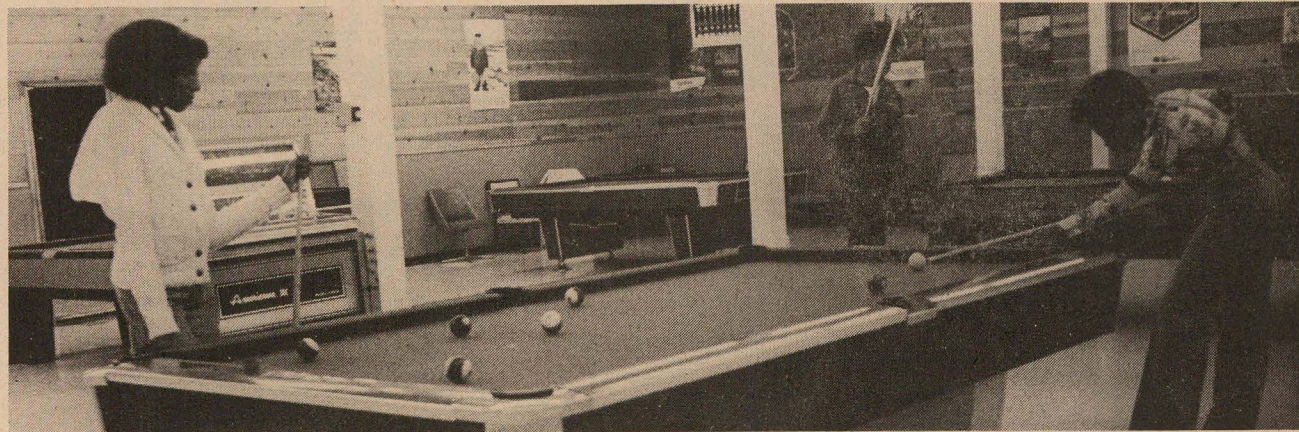
The Presidio Teen Club, a recreation facility organized for teenage military dependents, has instituted some policy changes, especially concerning the responsibilities of parents as chaperones.

A mandatory roster of all parents whose children are members will be established to schedule chaperoning in the Teen Club during evenings, weekends and during off-post trips. Failure of parents to comply with the roster will result in a warning letter according to the memorandum sent out by the club. The second offense will result in their children being suspended from the Teen Club.

Parents not able to chaperone on their scheduled date may secure a reliable replacement; however, the teen club director must be notified in advance. Detailed personnel will be informed both through the Weekly Bulletin and by direct correspondence from the teen club director.

Admission will be by membership only, at \$2.00 per year, due each September.

Signature of an applicant on the membership application indicates their acceptance of the By-Laws and House Rules. In addition, signature of the milit-



U.S. Army photo by C.D. Steen

ary sponsor will acknowledge requirement to serve as a chaperone when detailed, and the resultant action if he/she fails to report for duty.

All members will share in the responsibility of cleaning and maintaining the Club facilities and policing the entire area around the Club and parking lot during operating hours.

The memorandum states further that specific smoking areas will be set up. Persons under 16 will not be permitted to smoke without written permission from their parents. Infractions of the above will result in suspension.

All youths must sign in when they arrive and sign out when they depart. Once in the Club, youths will

remain. Members will be allowed to sign in and out once per evening. If the member departs the Club, he/she will not be allowed to re-enter. Exceptions, says the memorandum will be made upon approval of the teen club director for meals, emergencies, etc.

All Club members, when guests at other military and civilian youth events, will adhere to their rules and regulations.

Membership will be offered to dependants of military personnel and retired military personnel, ages thirteen through eighteen, (or high school students regardless of age), provided their parents or guardians agree to become chaperones when called upon.



A Youth Conservation Corps member rolls up barbed wire removed from a fence in the Ft. Barry hills.

Presidio spruce-up

Youths learn while working

Story and photo by C.D. Steen

The Marin-side of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GCNRA) will soon be a better place to hike around or just look at, and much of the credit can be taken by 50 California Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) members who will be helping to make it so.

Made up of mostly San Francisco area high school-aged youths, male and female, these paid volunteers will be doing eight weeks of environmental work aimed at bettering the GGNRA, and also just bettering themselves.

"The YCC is a course in science for high school students granted time from their normal school, and employment for youths graduated from school, and the chance for learning a trade for those not continuing school," said Ms. Andrea Funk, a group living specialist and one of 15 staff members in the corps.

"The program gives high school youths a chance to learn about their environment while working in it. The YCC enables state park and recreation services, requesting the corps' help, to better their areas while helping youths to better themselves. And the youths are paid for it," said Funk.

The group working with the GGNRA arrived here Sunday and are camped near the no longer operational Nike-Herc missile site at Ft. Barry. By Monday morning the 50 youths were busy helping remove useless fences, barbed wire and other hampering barriers to hikers, repairing and redirecting trails, and

dismantling designated buildings. Other buildings will soon take their place, and will be built by the YCC.

The youth corps members don't just come in and start working. Work schedules and assignments are provided by members of the staff, as well as instruction on how to do the jobs properly, according to Funk. Park project director, Bill Nate, tells where and what work is to be done.

"About everything the youths participate in is taught by one of the staff members," said Funk. "That's part of the whole idea. It's a classroom curriculum on environment and environment improvement, taught where it is happening."

She said that the youths are taught about many things besides how to perform certain improvements in the recreation area. They are taught about nature in general—from soil erosion to identifying animal and plant life.

The Youth Conservation Corps will be working a regular eight hour day, five day week job. Weekends will be dedicated to sports activities and adventurous endeavors like rafting down a river, sailing, and backpacking in some nearby mountains.

The Presidio is playing a supportive role for the YCC. Needed work clothes and boots will be sold to the YCC at a very low cost.

"The Army is working in full cooperation with us and the help is greatly appreciated," said Ms. Funk.

Plant Facts



This is the first in a series of articles written by Rudy Choun, post agronomist, on the care of Presidio plants. Use these tips to help keep the post beautiful.

Rudy Choun, post agronomist, has undertaken a series of articles on how to make your lawn look as sharp as you do. This is the first segment.

Fertilizer is available to family quarters occupants by applying at Bldg. 250, Self Help Section.

Ten lbs. of 10-10-10 fertilizer should be evenly applied to every 1,000 sq. ft. of lawn area and thoroughly watered to prevent burning of the grass.

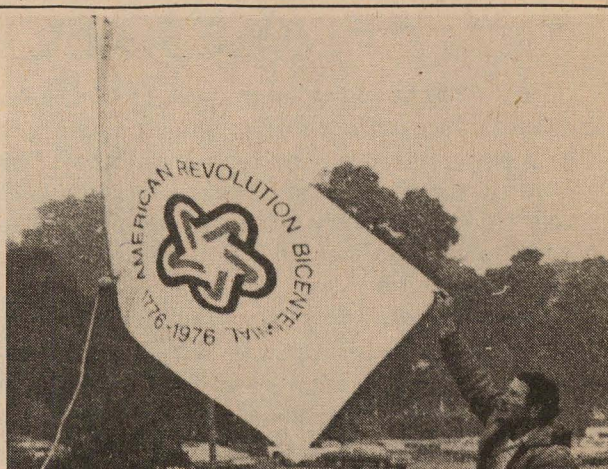
The average lawn needs about 1 inch of water per week. A day's steady will supply this. To supply this amount yourself, 1/2 inch of water should be applied twice a week. To put on more is wasteful since it will likely drain beyond reach of the roots and is likely to run off the lawn into the gutter.

Grass seed is available at Self Help, Bldg. 250.

The soil surface should be loosened or at least scratched up to provide crevices into which the seed can fall and be protected from winds and drying sun. This also makes it easier for the first hair roots to penetrate the soil.

The surface soil should be kept constantly moist until the grass is well rooted. On warm days this may mean watering mid-morning, noon-time, and late afternoon.

The problem in establishing new seedlings is not to get the seed to grow, but to keep the tender seedlings sprouts alive, until it is established.



U.S. Army photo by C.D. Steen

In honor of our nation's two-hundredth anniversary, a bicentennial flag will fly along with the Post flag. A recent Presidential Proclamation officially allows the display of the bicentennial flag on military bases where the United States Flag is flown. The 4X6 foot flag will fly subordinate to the nation's flag. Presidio's bicentennial flag went up Monday morning.

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The first Spaniards to view present-day San Francisco Bay were the men of the Portola expedition of 1769, who accidentally discovered the great "harbor of harbors" while searching for Monterey.

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News notes

Latest EERWAs released

The latest enlisted efficiency report weighted averages (EERWA) have been released by the Enlisted Evaluation Center at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. By grade, the EERWAs as of July 31 are as follows:

E-2— 79.91	E-6—115.92
E-3— 88.52	E-7—120.08
E-4—102.43	E-8—122.58
E-5—111.15	E-9—123.82

Auto maintenance class

A new course in Auto Maintenance will be held from September 23 to October 30. This course will cover the basic carburation system in the internal combustion engine. Classes will meet Tuesdays from 6:30—9:30 p.m. at the Auto Crafts Shop, Bldg 662. At this class students will be able to practice basic maintenance on their own cars. On Thursdays, 6:30—9:30 p.m. class will meet at Fort Scott Educational Center, Bldg 1216, Room 31 for lectures on engine fuel consumption. The class is open to both military and civilian men and women at least 18 years of age. There is no fee for this class. For further information and to sign up, call the Education Center, Voc-Tech Dept, ext 4445/4900.

Transcendental meditation

A lecture on Transcendental Meditation will be held at the Recreation Center next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will be presented by Channing Jones, an instructor with the Transcendental Meditation Institute, San Francisco.

Transcendental Meditation is practiced for a few minutes morning and evening as one sits comfortably with eyes closed. During this time the mind experiences subtler states of thought as physiological changes occur which correspond to this refined mental activity.

Massage

A 4-week full body massage class for both women and men will be taught at the Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Ave., beginning Monday, September 15, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Instructor demonstrations will be followed by student practice. Participants are requested to wear swimsuits and bring towels.

FY77 to provide leave break

Soldiers will have three extra months to use up their excess leave during Fiscal Year 1977, according to a recent Department of the Army (DA) message.

Usually soldiers who have collected leave over the 60-day limitation forfeit the extra leave if it is not used by June 30. Due to a change of dates in the US Government's Fiscal Year, soldiers will have until September 30 to use excess accrued leave in 1977.

Congress has changed the dates of the government's fiscal year (FY). The new FY will start Oct. 1 and end Sept. 30, where as before it started July 1 and ended June 30. In order to make a smooth transition in fiscal years, for FY 1977, the year will start July 1, 1976, and end September 30, 1977, creating a 15-month year. The extra three months in FY 77 will be given to the soldier as time to use up his excess leave.

Want to avoid being unemployed?

If you're within 90 days of separation, attend the Explore Your Options Program September 26 at 1 p.m. in Bldg. 603, the Audio-Visual Auditorium (East of the Main PX).

Find out about the civilian job market today, your re-employment rights, federal jobs, re-enlistment and reserve opportunities, assistance in starting a small business, financial aid for further education or training, and your veteran's benefits. Call Ext. 4030 or 3693 to reserve your place as seating is limited.

Bachelor Housing Regulation revised

Bachelors and divorced or legally separated soldiers are entitled to the same priority for bachelor quarters under a revised bachelor housing relation (AR 210-16) being published this month.

Divorced soldiers with legal dependents previously received quarters allowance at the "with dependents" rate. This fact relegated them to a lower priority when being assigned to bachelor quarters. The revised regulation removes that distinction and all bachelors now get equal priority for bachelor housing.

Under the revised regulation bachelor housing priority will be determined by rank and date of application for housing. This is the same policy in force for all government housing.

Another change in the regulation affects the commander's authority to move married soldiers on post for disciplinary reasons. Some commanders required married soldiers who were habitually late for work or formations to move on post to insure their presence when needed. Commanders will now have to use other disciplinary measures such as Article 15s or courts-martials to cope with these problems.

The new regulation also clarifies the policy for coed barracks. Women soldiers can now live in the same buildings as men but must be separated by individual rooms, separate floors or in a different wing of the barracks. The barracks must have separate sleeping and bathroom facilities but men and women soldiers may use the same entrances and exits.

MPs celebrate

September 26 marks the 200th year of the Military Police Corps.

Aggressive women

Find out what is aggressive, non-assertive and assertive behavior at a seminar on "Assertiveness and Women," September 23, from 12 to 12:45 p.m. at the Audio Visual Center, Bldg. 603.

Speaker Gayle Wheeler, PhD., will talk on how women may be defeating themselves, diluting their impact and undermining their effectiveness.

The program is sponsored by the Federal Women's Program. For more information, or to reserve a space, call Holly Handler at 2974.

PX uniformed military express line:

Effective Monday, September 22, the Main Post Exchange will effect an express line at cashier check-out No. 2 for military personnel in uniform only, during the noon hours from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

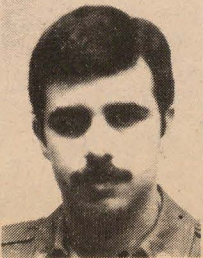
RAMBLIN' SAM



"What are your views of Latino-American culture, and what is, or has been, your involvement with Latino-American activities."



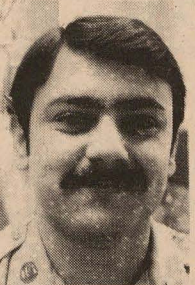
PFC Gloria Ballin, telephone exchange, USACC: "When I was attending school in Los Angeles I helped prepare certain Mexican foods for our school. I also helped organize different groups of Mexican backgrounds for parades. When at home I stay actively involved with different organizations concerning my people. I believe Mexican-American culture has a great impact on all American culture and that it has had a lot to do with forming the country we have today."



Sp5 Evidio J. Ramos, personnel management: "As a child I lived in Cuba and much of it under the Castro regime, so I never learned much about Mexican-American culture until coming to the United States. I've learned much and am proud that we have provided much to our country's development."



SSG A. C. Reyes, photographer: "As a person of Mexican decent, I think our culture should be emphasized, and Hispanic-American Week Sept. 14-20, is a start in pointing out to all people of our culture. It puts a value on our people and maybe it will make people of all minorities more aware of their own cultural contributions to America."



Sp5 Edward Garcia, customer service: "Before entering service, I was very involved with the 'Mission Rebels', a group of local concerned citizens of Mexican-American decent who help our people with prejudicial issues and personal problems."

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Respect the contributions of other cultures.

.....City lights.....

By Carol Cronin

Friday, 19th One of the old classics, "Notorious" starring Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman plays at the Gateway tonight for \$3.00 at 7:45 and 11:15 p.m. A beautiful spy marries the ex-Nazi leader of a group of South American conspirators.

Saturday, 20th The San Francisco Mimi Troop will perform at Mission-Dolores Park today at 2 p.m. And for those who would rather get in the act themselves, there's a free juggling class at the East end of the Conservatory in Golden Gate Park at 10 a.m. If you love to shop, but hate to spend money, then junking is for you. By sifting through junk in the Bay Bridge Emporium, on Valencia between 22nd and 23rd Streets, and the Salvation Army Shop on 26th Street, you can find excellent buys on clothing and furniture.

Sunday, 21st Historic San Francisco is highlighted at the Jackson Square Street Fair from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Booths with decorator items and food and drink will be situated on the 400 block of Jackson Street. Music will also be provided. Admission is \$3.00.

Monday, 22nd For a quickie course in discotheque dancing, go to Dance Your Ass Off any Monday for classes at 7 p.m. or 8 p.m., and then stay and practice when the club opens to the public at 9 p.m. The club at 901 Columbus is open nine to two every night.

Tuesday, 23rd The Mission District is the heart of Mexican San Francisco, or La Raza. To find examples of this culture, including beautiful murals, walk down 24th Street. Admission is free at the zoo today.

Wednesday, 24th The Annual San Francisco Art Festival starts today through September 28. Crafts, video, painting and sculpture will be featured daily from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. The Exploratorium does it's part for Hispanic-American Heritage week by presenting the Peg Stern Quartet which plays "Latin Jazz Funk" at the Exploratorium at 8 p.m.

Thursday, 25th Michael Stewart will be showing his own films at the Canyon Cinematheque Series, 8:30 p.m. at the San Francisco Art Institute, 800 Chestnut Street. Admission is \$1.75.

Hispanic Heritage Week

Hispanic Americans Are Diverse—Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Filipinos, South and Central Americans. Hispanic Americans are the second largest ethnic minority group in the United States. Their common bond is language and, to a lesser degree, their origins in the Western Hemisphere.

In a larger sense, Hispanic Americans are a fusion of the Old and New Worlds. Primarily a mixture of Indian and Spanish culture, Hispanic Americans embody the cultural heritage of many civilizations and races.

Known among themselves as Chicanos, La Raza, Latinos, Hispanos, Latin Americans and Boriquenos, only recently have Hispanic Americans begun to focus on their heritage. Only now, the unity, pride and contributions of a people are becoming known. Awareness.

National Hispanic Heritage Week is designed to promote that awareness. A resolution passed by Congress in 1968 provides that one week each year be set aside for recognition of Hispanic Americans. The week in September that includes the 16th — el diez y siez, Mexican Independence Day — now is traditionally Hispanic Heritage Week.

They are misunderstood—Hispanic Americans often call themselves "strangers in our own land." Their culture antedates the Anglo presence in the Western Hemisphere by a century.

Columbus' Caribbean discoveries were made under the Spanish flag. In the early 1500s, Spanish settlements were established in Puerto Rico, Cuba, Panama and Mexico. Spanish influence and control spread over much of the Americas during the 16th century.

As the English colonies were struggling for survival, the Hispanic culture was being planted in the Southwest. Sante Fe, founded in 1610 as the capital of Nuevo Mexico, is the oldest state capital in the U.S.

Worth mentioning as the nation nears its Bicentennial, is the role Hispanic Americans played in our fight for independence. Hispanic Americans contributed to the success of the American Revolution, tying up British forces along the Gulf of Mexico and Mississippi River valley.

Despite the contributions racial and cultural minorities have made and are making to our national way of life, they usually do not fare as well as the American majority. The Hispanic Americans have borne a heavy burden — too often forced to change their ways and to adapt to Anglo life styles.

Schools have tended to ignore the Hispanic Americans' culture and contributions to society. For the most part, Hispanic Americans have appeared in textbooks' as problems and issues. Fortunately, most schools now are presenting a broader, more realistic view of Hispanic Americans.

In his book, "Somos Chicanos," David Gomez describes what many Hispanic Americans probably feel about their place in society: "Many of us have lived within two mutually exclusive worlds. Which one do I choose? The process by which I am able to affirm the best of both worlds is not only what I must personally undergo, but what (Hispanic Americans) have been undergoing on a collective basis."

Hispanic Heritage Week is a good time for Anglos to increase their understanding of the Hispanic Americans' problems of trying to live simultaneously in two different cultures.

They are Soldiers—Soldiers of Hispanic American origin make up the second largest ethnic minority in the Army. They face many of the same problems black soldiers confront. Many of their problems are made worse by language differences. The Army is trying to come to grips with these problems through its equal opportunity programs.

Despite these problems, Hispanic American soldiers are loyal and serve their country well in war and peace.

Hispanic Americans have set a brilliant record for valor. Their names grace the roll of soldiers awarded the Medal of Honor.

The Second World War brought together for the first time many diverse Hispanic American groups. For many Hispanic Americans, it also meant their first significant exposure with Anglos and vice versa.

Military service and GI Bill benefits have given Hispanic Americans greater geographic and occupational mobility.

Today Hispanic Americans are moving into more



The diversity of the Hispanic Americans' ancestry shows in the faces of these Puerto Rican soldiers. Members of the 65th Regimental Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, they were en route to Korea in September, 1950.

positions of leadership within the Army. Brig. Gen. Richard E. Cavazos, of Mexican descent, is an assistant division commander with the 2d Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Tex. A West Point cadet of Puerto Rican descent, Richard Morales has been selected First Captain of the cadet corps for 1975-76.

Under the Army's Affirmative Actions Plan, career development and progression should improve for Hispanic American soldiers. (ANPF)

Soldier remembers

From Cuba to Freedom

Story and photo by C.D. Steen

Evidio J. Ramos, 14, had a difficult decision to make—whether to live with his parents or say good-bye to them, maybe forever. Evidio told his parents he was leaving.

As he boarded a plane, he wondered when he would see his family again—or if he ever would. He began to think of the future. It must be better than how I have lived, he thought.

As the plane left the ground that day in June, 1967, he left behind a life that held no promises for him.

He had said good-bye to communist Cuba.

Today, Sp5 Evidio Ramos, assigned to personnel management at the Presidio, has learned what freedom means as a citizen of the United States—a type of freedom he wishes all his people in Cuba could know.

Now 23, Evidio tells of his life in Cuba and how he came to the U.S.

"Before Castro took over in Cuba, I lived in my town of Artemisa like most children did in America," said Ramos, remembering back. "My father owned a grocery store and my mother was a housewife. We

were very close and shared a lot of happiness together.

"When Castro came to power in 1959, I was only in the first grade. At first nothing changed much at school or at home. Then, as the regime gained more and more control, our lives began to feel the difference. Teachers in school began hitting on communist doctrines and idealisms. Stricter rules were enforced and people became entangled with the new power."

As the years went by, Evidio and his family adjusted to the new life style. His parents took on new jobs with the telephone service. His dad became a lineman and his mother became a telephone operator. A sister minded the store.

But the family was unhappy. When the "freedom flights" began in 1965, the Ramos' applied to leave. As Evidio neared his 15th birthday, he, with the consent of his family, decided to leave the country alone.

"My family wanted to leave very much, but there were long waiting lists and the Cuban government frowned upon those wishing to leave," continued Evidio. "Because my family did want to go, my father lost his job with the telephone service and was forced to stay in a work camp for three years."

"When I was almost 15, an age when I would have had to register for the draft in Cuba, which would have then made it nearly impossible to leave, preparations were made for my getting out."

An aunt living in Indiana provided money for young Evidio to leave Cuba. One day before he turned 15, he left Cuba for Spain where he lived with an uncle for six months before going to the U.S.

While residing in Spain, Evidio wondered what life was like in the country he had only heard about.

"I got two views of America," said Evidio. "One from Cuban radio stations which told about the evils of American capitalism, and what life was really like from a Miami radio station. My parents also told me the good things I could expect, even though they had

never been to the U.S. themselves. They heard from friends who had been there."

Evidio Ramos arrived in the United States in January, 1968. He was met by his aunt and his new life began in Yorktown, where his aunt lived. A year later the rest of his family was allowed to leave Cuba and joined him there.

"I was in the 8th grade when I left Cuba," Evidio went on. "Because our schooling in communist Cuba was so intense, with emphasis on learning about certain subjects earlier than American students, I was put in the 10th grade. I had been in the U.S. only three days when I began my American schooling at Yorktown High."

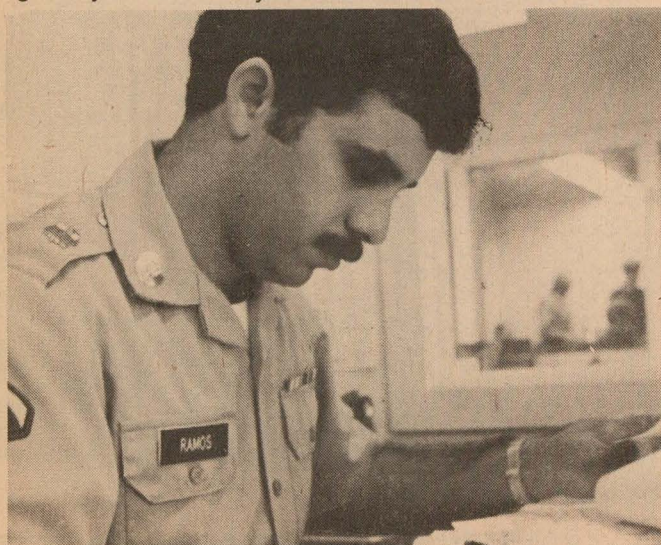
Unfortunately, Evidio didn't know a word of English!

"I felt lost in my new environment, but helpful teachers and new friends kept me going. I finished the school year, and by the time I entered my junior year, I knew enough English to get along. I kept a Spanish-American dictionary in my back pocket at all times so if I got stuck I could look up words," said Evidio with a grin.

Evidio graduated from Yorktown High School in 1970 and in the same year his family moved to San Gabriel, California where the family still live.

He entered college and two years later joined the Army. He was assigned to the Armed Forces Entrance and Examination Station (AFEES) in Puerto Rico where he met his wife, Carmen. He was assigned to the Presidio this year.

Sp5 Evidio Ramos has hopes that the United States and Cuba will eventually have diplomatic ties. He said he's glad that the two countries are warming toward each other and that maybe someday he can go back to the town he once knew as a child—just for a visit.



SP5 Evidio J. Ramos

Presidio rich in Hispanic culture

Story and captions by John Langellier.

Birthdays are traditionally a time for reflection on the past. Because the Presidio of San Francisco celebrates its 199th on September 17, a look to times gone by seems appropriate. This is doubly so since September 14-20 has been set aside as National Hispanic Heritage Week, honoring a people whose history is so closely linked with the origins of the Presidio and San Francisco itself.

Their story begins in 1492 when Columbus' three tiny Spanish vessels first touched the shores of the "New World." For the next five centuries this initial landfall blossomed, so that at present nearly two-thirds of the Western Hemisphere boasts an Hispanic past.

It was not until 1542, however, that the first

and settlers. These "pilgrims" arrived near present-day Mission Dolores in late June.

By July, the bulk of the population moved to a location in the vicinity of today's Officers' Club. Here, they began to construct crude shelters. When enough progress seemed evident, a formal dedication ceremony took place. On September 17, 1776, with all the pomp and circumstance that could be mustered in this far-off corner of the world, the colonists took possession of the Presidio in the name of their King. By October, they followed suit at the Mission.

Even with these festive beginnings, the settlers had little more to celebrate. While nearly \$14,000 had been budgeted for the enterprise, the inhabitants,

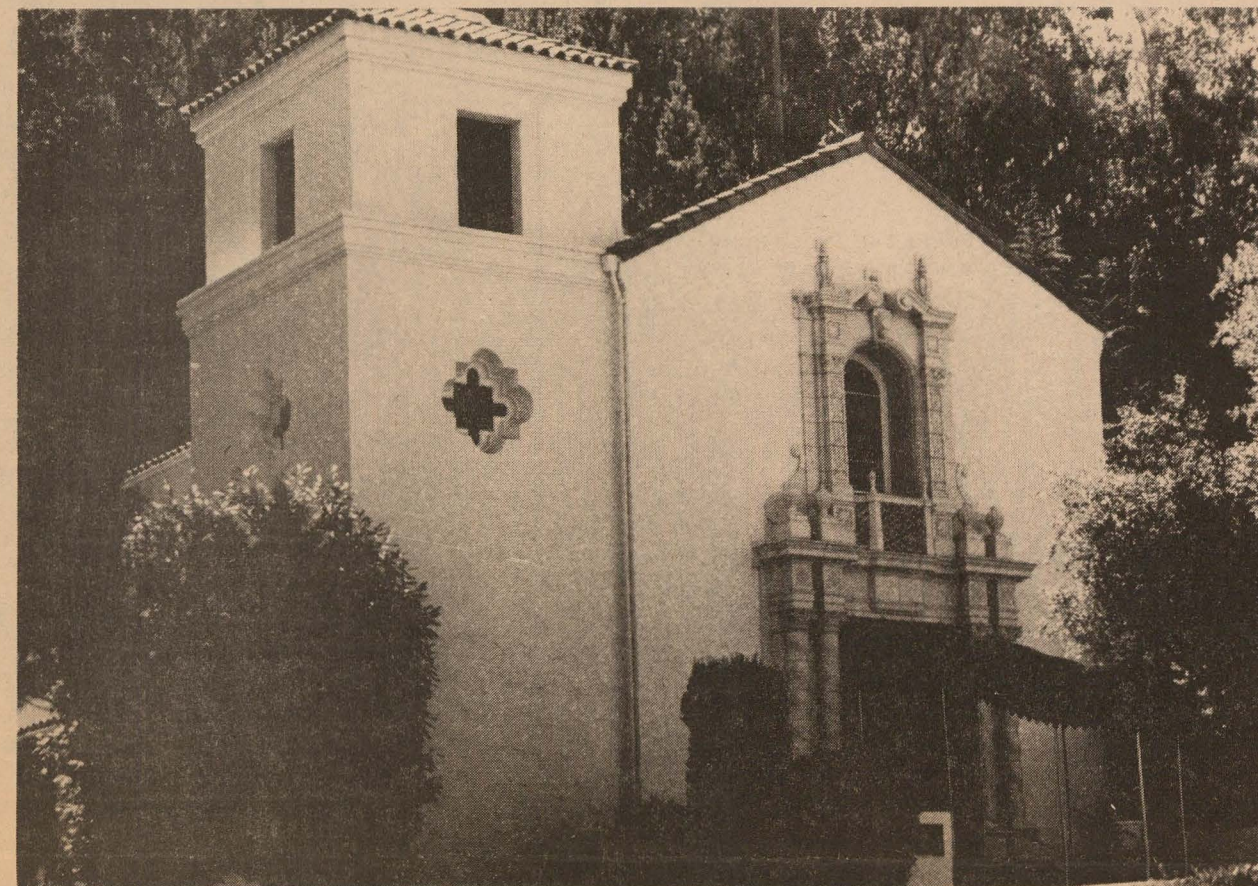
For generations, those of Spanish descent lived in an atmosphere which smothered their birthright. Then, with the outbreak of World War II, a reawakening period gave new pride and hope. The war years witnessed numerous Hispanic Americans in the armed forces. Indeed as Ral Morin pointed out in his noteworthy book, **Among the Valiant**, "At least a quarter of the blood spilled at Bataan," was Hispanic. Seventeen Mexican Americans alone received the

Medal of Honor, while the all-Mexican American 141st Infantry Regiment ranked among one of the highest decorated outfits in the War. Other Hispanos contributed in like numbers.

Of equal importance was the exchange of ideas and experience which resulted when the Hispanic American for the first time left his home **en masse** to join closely with many others of a like background. Today some ten million Hispanic Americans are taking their place in the mosaic of U.S. life. Despite many cultural problems they are struggling forward in their goals for a better awareness of their past, in order to understand the present, and hopefully provide strength and guidance for the future.

Whether Latino, Dubano, Puerto Rican, Boricua, Mexican American, Chicano, Mestizo or any of the numerous other labels associated with these people, the country owes them much. Their history, more often than not a synthesis which is not strictly Hispanic, nor solely Native American, has left its indelible mark on our language, religion, laws and customs. In the kaleidoscope of traditions which makes up our modern national society, the heritage of the Hispanic American provides a source of pride and a bulwark for both himself and the Country as a whole.

Editor's note: Special thanks this issue goes to John Langellier, director and curator of the Presidio Army Museum, who can definitely write a good article, and who has the facts to back it up.



The Post Chapel, completed in the 1930's, represents a deliberate effort to copy a Spanish-style mission appearance.

Spanish explorers reached California. In that year, Juan Cabrillo's ship sailed off the Pacific Coast, thereby establishing Spain's initial claim to the land. For about two hundred years, sporadic attempts to learn more about the mysterious region lured many other explorers, yet there was no effort to establish a permanent foothold in California.

Then, in 1769, Carlos III, King of Spain, sought to strengthen his claims of sovereignty here. Partially out of fear of foreign intrusion, and also because of a genuine desire to obtain new converts for the Spanish Cross and Crown, he ordered the region's fortification and colonization. A base of operations in San Diego gave a foothold in the virgin land.

With this point of origin established, Captain Gaspar de Portola y de Rovira, military commander of the new settlement, led a reconnaissance patrol up the coast; their mission, to find Monterey Bay. While the party failed to reach this goal, they happened on an even greater natural port to the north. The significance of their chance find went almost unnoticed at first, but the importance of the discovery gradually dawned on colonial officials.

In due course, the "harbor of harbors" as the Spanish came to call San Francisco at the outset, was to be settled. After sending a number of land and sea expeditions in preparation for this event, the Viceroy in Mexico City finally felt the time ripe for colonization. He called for an outpost to protect the region. Along with the military fortification, known as a *presidio* (Spanish for walled fort) went a mission. These two institutions served as the basic pillars of Spain's authority throughout the Empire.

One last event occurred before the stage was set for the colonists' arrival. That was the appearance of Lieutenant Colonel Juan Bautista de Anza on the scene. In late March of 1776, he reconnoitered the Presidio's future location, selecting a spot overlooking the Golden Gate (where Fort Point now stands) as the site for Spain's new outpost. Returning to the

south, he paved the way for the final phase of San Francisco's founding.

That same summer, Jose Joachin Moraga, Anza's second in command, returned with over 240 soldiers

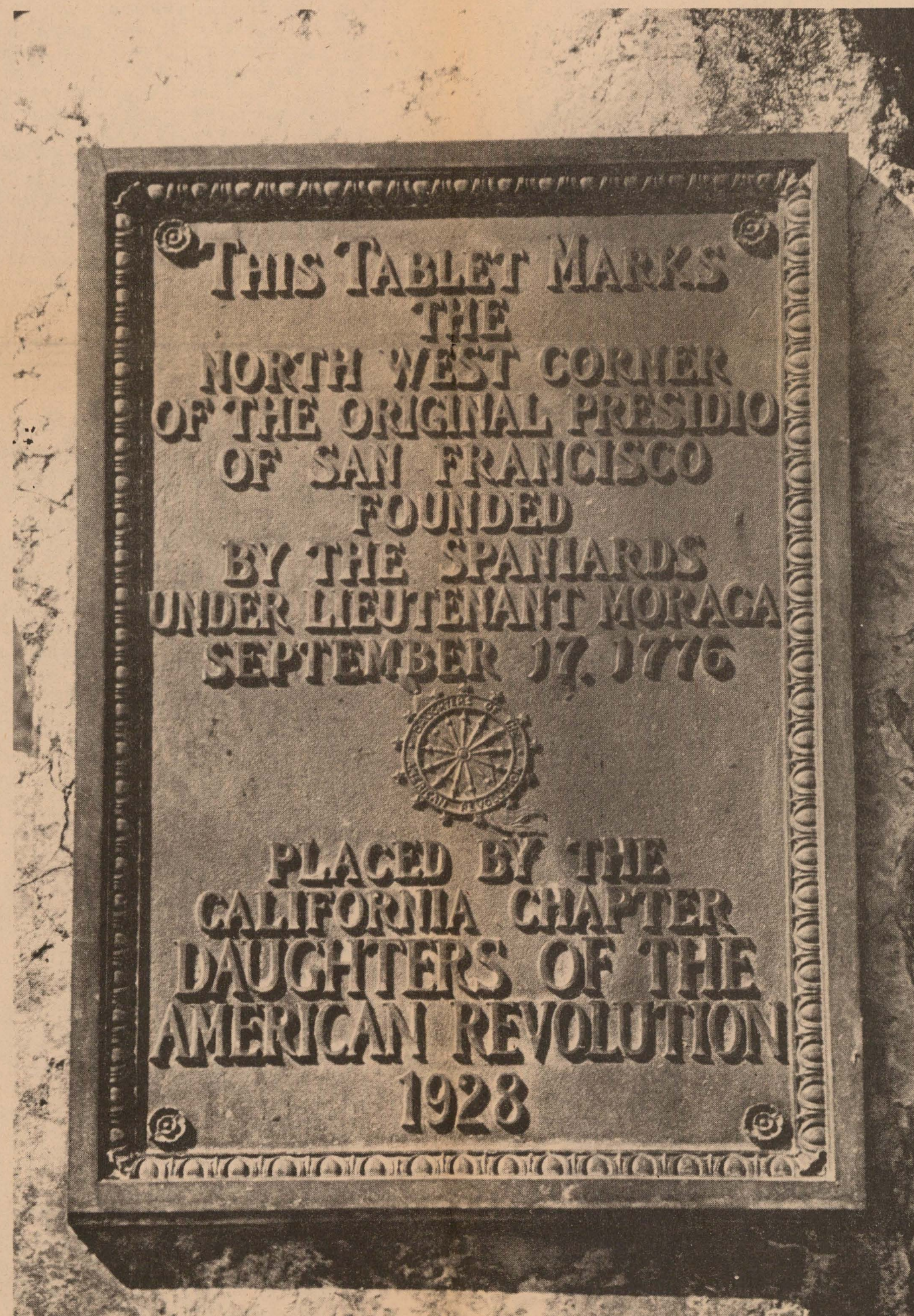
particularly the troops, lacked all sorts of supplies. For example, the annual inventory for the Presidio in 1778 revealed that if all the swords, lances and muskets were given the soldiers, a dozen men would be without weapons or horses; a most embarrassing situation for a cavalry unit! In fact, supplies were so low for the next several decades that the only means of survival was illegal trade with the very foreign vessels these troops had been sent to keep from California's shore!

To make matters worse, nature took its toll on the tiny post; storms and sometimes earthquakes, reduced the fort to near shambles many times. With such odds, San Francisco's early Hispanic inhabitants suffered a wretched existence.

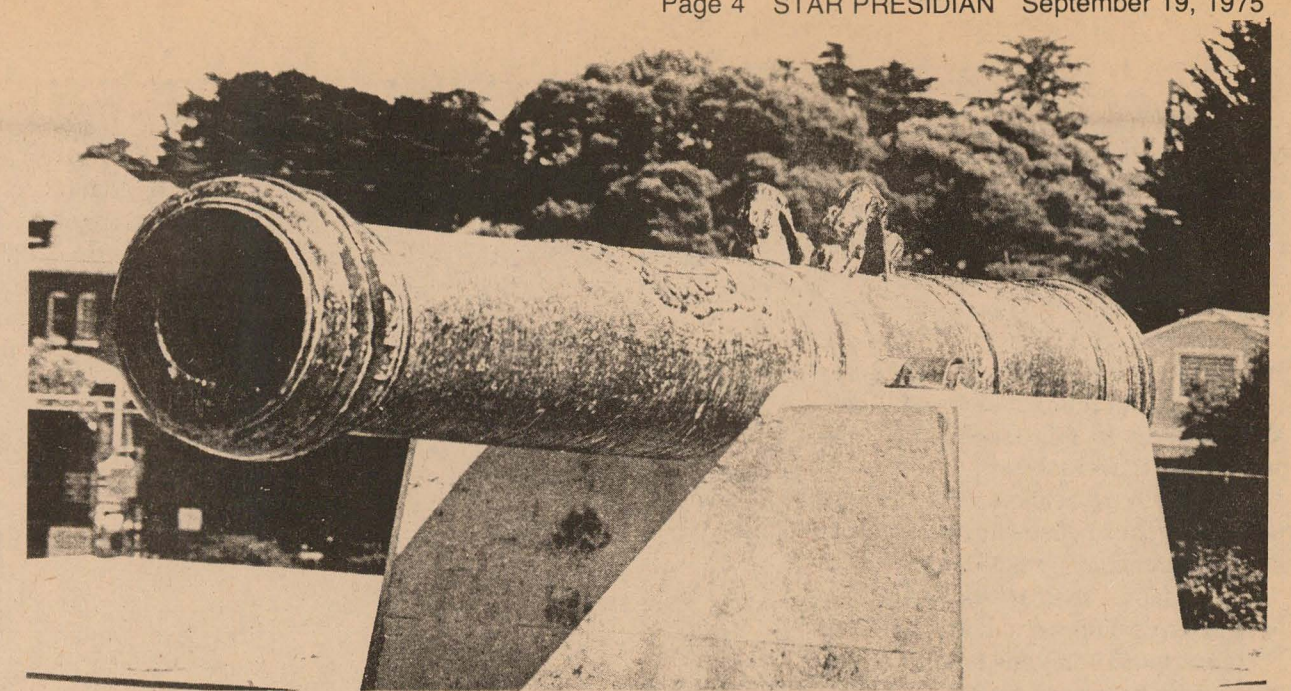
Despite countless hardships, these pioneers managed to hang on, carving a home from a harsh environment, and in spite of government neglect.

When Spain's red and yellow banner gave way to the Mexican tri-color in 1822, the *Californios'* lot did not improve greatly. The new Mexican regime lacked the resources to adequately provide for California's needs, just as the Spanish had before them. This did not dissuade the stalwart population, who continued to hold tenaciously to their land and traditions.

Yet, despite their determination, Hispanic Americans in California were fated to be swept into the "dustbin of history" with the arrival of large numbers of Anglos in the 1840's. From that period through 1890 a gradual decline of Hispanic political power and heritage resulted. Inter-marriage and social pressure to accept Anglo-American norms greatly contributed to this phenomenon. Throughout the United States, the same sad situation came about.



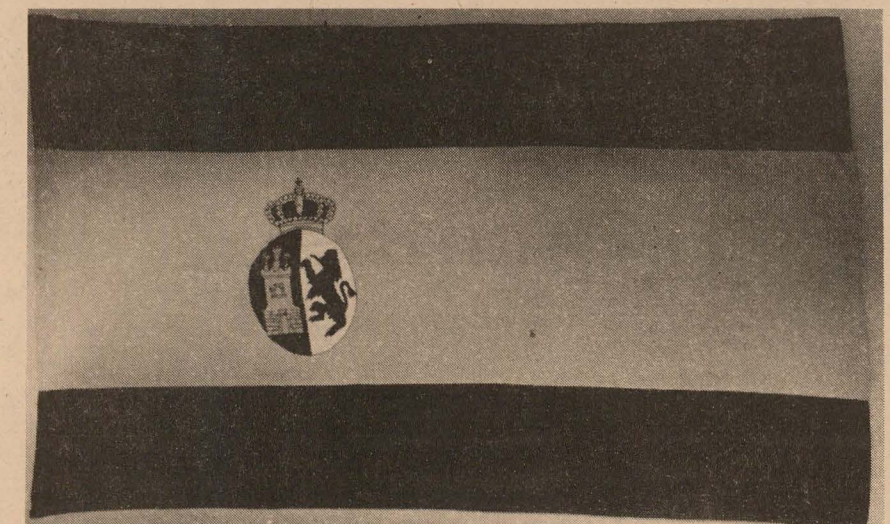
For over 70 years Spanish and Mexican forces struggled to survive at the Presidio, a then forgotten outpost of the empire.



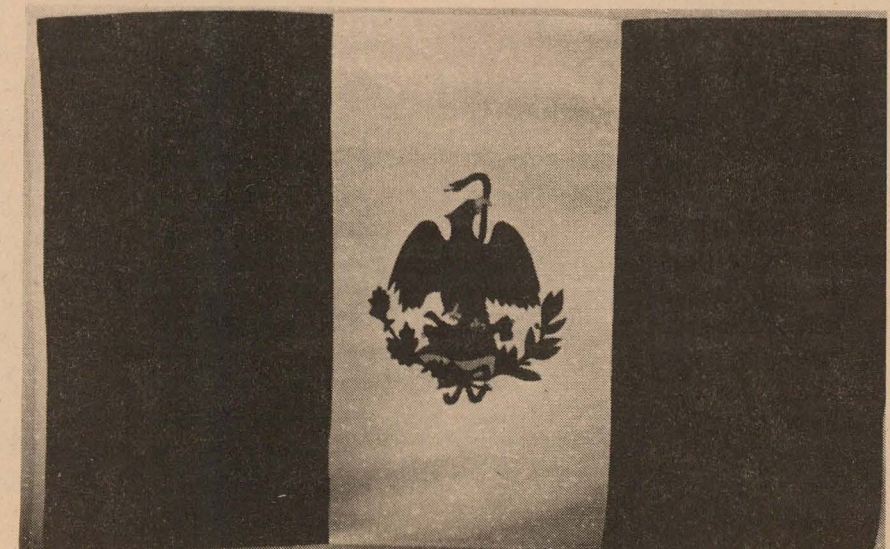
Six of the original thirteen cannons used to protect the Bay from would-be foes, stand as mute witness to Spain's and Mexico's past dominance of California and the Southwest. This cannon is one of two located at Pershing Square.



The early garrisons of the Presidio were the "Soldado de Cueros" (leather jacket soldiers), hardened cavalymen who wore leather jerkin as protection against enemies.



Spain's banner flew over the Presidio from 1776 to 1882, symbol of a government which all too often neglected the needs of its struggling colonists.



In 1822 "el grito de independencia" reached California. The Spanish ensign came down and in its place the tri-color of the Mexican Empire (later Republic) replaced it.

Army legal bennies

Army News Features

Thirty-five years ago Congress enacted a law to provide legal protection and benefits in connection with civil court actions and certain financial obligations to members of the Armed Forces.

Entitled the "Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act," the law offers the same protection to members of the Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard who are serving on active duty.

The act covers soldiers while on active duty and, in most cases, for short periods after separation. The act doesn't cancel the obligations that an individual may have incurred before entering active duty.

The act temporarily suspends the rights of creditors to use the courts to compel a soldier to pay an obligation incurred before active duty if, and only if, the courts find that inability to pay is due to decreased earnings as a result of military service.

With regard to civil law, the act:
...protects soldiers against a default judgment in a civil lawsuit in any court unless a certain definite procedure protecting the rights of the soldier is followed.

...allows soldiers to ask a court to stay the proceedings at any stage of a lawsuit, thus stopping or delaying to a later date the proceedings of the suit.

...excludes the period of active duty from running or being counted under statutes which limit the time within which legal actions may be started in courts or administrative agencies.

If a soldier has a financial obligation which was undertaken before entering active duty that requires interest payment of more than 6 per cent per year, the individual may cite the act to creditors and pay only 6 per cent interest. A creditor can ask the courts to require the soldier to pay more than 6 per cent, but to do so the creditor must show the court that a soldier's ability to pay has not been materially affected by reason of Army service.

If, because of reduced income through active duty, a soldier is unable to make payment when due on installment contracts, mortgages, or trust deeds contracted for before entering military service, the seller cannot repossess or foreclose on the property without a court's permission.

The act also permits a soldier to cancel the lease on a house or apartment if the lease was made before the soldier enlisted in the Army. The landlord must be given 30 days' written notice, citing the act as authority for the cancellation. The 30-day period begins on the day the next monthly rent payment is due after the notice is given.

The act does not give a soldier the right to terminate a lease in this manner if the lease was made after active duty commenced. A lease signed then should contain a clause, commonly referred to as a military clause, providing for termination on 30 days' written notice if the soldier receives transfer orders.

If a soldier's dependents are living in a house or apartment renting for \$150 or less per month and the rent is not paid, the act provides that they can be evicted only on court order. This applies whether the dependents began living in the dwelling before or after the soldier went on active duty.

Storage companies cannot sell a soldier's property to cover storage charges without a court order.

The act exempts a soldier's military pay and nonbusiness personal property from taxation by a state in which he or she is stationed but is not claimed as a permanent resident. Under the act, the only state that has the right to tax military pay and personal property is the one claimed as his or her "domicile." A "domicile" is legally defined as the place where a person claims to be his or her true, fixed, and permanent home and principal establishment and to which, whenever he or she is absent from, has the intention of returning.

Even though a soldier is paying an income tax to his or her state of domicile, a state in which the soldier is stationed can require the payment of a tax on non-military income derived from sources within that state, and on personal property used in private business activities in that state. Additionally, real property, including improvement thereon (such as a house), is subject to local taxes and the act gives no exemption from this kind of tax.

Further information can be obtained by contacting your legal assistance officer at 561-4273.

NEWS NOTES

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Color your waterfront green!

With a crayon in hand and imagination turned on, you now have a chance to create your own waterfront park. From Aquatic Park to the Golden Gate Bridge to Fort Funston. . .it's all part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and National Park Service planners would like to hear your viewpoints about the future of these lands.

You're invited to attend a public workshop to help plan the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and Point Reyes National Seashore. You and other workshop participants will transform a blank map into a plan for the park. You'll discuss issues concerning the entire park as well as areas near your home including Ocean Beach, Crissy Field, and Fort Mason. "The park staff will present all the ideas and

information about park resources we've collected over the past year," says Doug Nadeau, Planning Coordinator. "You'll tell us where these ideas should be implemented and any special concerns you have about the park."

Whatever your interest you're invited to attend: whether environmental education, beautification, picnic tables, or bike paths. Be prepared to creatively scribble and talk at the same time.

Workshop locations near you:

Booker T. Washington Center
800 Presidio
October 9, 7 p.m.

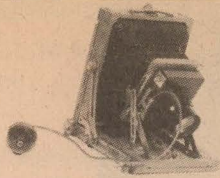
McAteer High School
555 Portola
October 28, 7 p.m.

Laguna Honda School
1350 7th Avenue
October 30, 7 p.m.

Fort Mason Officers' Club
Bay & Franklin Streets
San Francisco round-up workshop
November 1, 10 a.m.

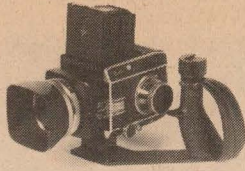
Nature lovers

The Central YMCA of San Francisco, has a fascinating, educational, and unusual trip plan for September 26, 27, 28. The weekend trip includes a visit to the famous Mercer Caverns; Showplace of the Sierras, Columbia State Historic Park in the heart of the Mother Lode Country; and Calaveras Big Trees State Park. This should be quite a memorable weekend for geologists and nature lovers. For more information call Central YMCA at 885-0460.



FOCUS

By A. C. Reyes



A series of articles on photographic problems. If you have a question for our ace photographer and sometime writer, send it to us and we'll relay it.

Flash problems . .

"HELP! I took some flash pictures at my son's birthday party indoors, and they all came back from the processor's with about one third of each picture blank. I looked at the negatives and they all have the same defect. Is my camera broken?"

Rest easy, your camera is not defective. This problem usually happens when you are using electronic flash and your shutter speed is set too fast. If you can't find your camera manual, look at your shutter speed dial. The right shutter speed is indicated by a small "x" alongside the numbers 60 or 30). (Some cameras like the Nikkormat, go as high as 125).

Some cameras have a small lightning bolt. On some, the flash setting is indicated by having the

number in a different color. If all this fails, use a setting of 30. Unless your camera is drastically different from all others, in which case drop me a note.

Shooting indoors without flash . . .

"I want to shoot a play, I don't care about using flash, (Actually it is not allowed). What is the fastest slide film, readily available, I can get?"

Provided that you are aware that lighting at a play is usually just about impossible to correct (color wise), I would recommend GAF Anscochrome 500. It is rated at ASA 500. Price is about the same at any camera store. The PX does not carry it.

If you want still more speed, there is an outfit in Ohio that will process your Ektachrome up to ASA 1000 (That is no error, it is one thousand ASA) The address is: Creative Photography, P. O. Box 2312-D, Kettering, Ohio, 45429. Remember that grain will be more readily apparent when using these films, but speed you'll get!

The blotter



The most effective crime prevention device ever invented is almost always at your fingertips. This instrument is not a complex computer, or other exotic communications system, what we are talking about is a telephone, but it's up to you to use it.

There are many signs of crime. A stranger entering your neighbor's house, a scream, a strange car continuously driving through your neighborhood, the sound of breaking glass, loiterers, observing a shoplifting, fighting, or a man attempting to break into a car.

If you see, or hear signs of crime, act immediately, call your military police, attempt to describe in detail what you have seen, or heard. If you wish to remain anonymous your wish will be respected. But act!, only through your cooperation can we stop crime.

Savings bonds

Saving is a problem almost everyone has, and lately several institutions have offered remediable to this dilemma. But the one easy, safe and dependable way to save is still with U.S. Savings Bonds.

Through the Payroll Savings Plan, your money is automatically saved for you. The temptation to spend is curbed and the fight to save is over.

Savings bonds are offered in many denominations with the Series E bond offering six per cent interest when held to maturity of five years.

In addition to saving you are investing in your country. What we need is to work together, especially in this bicentennial year. Our country was paid for by bonds and today 9 1/2 million Americans have invested through the Payroll Savings Plan.

So "Take Stock in America" and you'll have a next egg when you need it.

Movies

PRESIDIO

Friday, Sep 19 Young Frankenstein (PG) 7 p.m.
Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50
Saturday, Sep 20 Young Frankenstein (PG) 6 & 8 p.m.
Sunday, Sep 21 The Godfather, Part II (R) 6 p.m.
Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50
Monday, Sep 22 The Godfather, Part II (R) 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sep 23 The Godfather, Part II (R) 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Sep 24 The Street Fighter (R) 7 p.m.
Thursday, Sep 25 Doc Savage...The Man of Bronze (G)
7 p.m. Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50

SCHWARTZ/LETTERMAN

Friday, Sep 19 Willie Dynamite (R) 7 p.m.
Monday, Sep 22 The Devil's Rain (PG) 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sep 23 Young Frankenstein (PG) 7 p.m.
Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50
Wednesday, Sep 24 The Godfather, Part II (R) 7 p.m.
Adults \$1.00 Children \$.50
Thursday, Sep 25 That Man Bolt (R) 7 p.m.

Save A Living Thing



Star Presidian

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Plant Facts

By Rudy Choun, post agronomist

Presented as part of the Presidio Beautification Program.

Plants that have done well in the shady garden can be used to decorate the home this winter. Coleus and impatient plants can be potted and brought into the home in a lighted area for the winter.

Garden plants should be prepared for the fall rains that usually come about October 1. Mum plants should be stalked so they will not lay flat at the first rain and ruin the flowers. Petunia plants can be saved for next year by cutting back the long shoots to induce new growth near the base of the plant.

Control snails by baiting the garden area. If you have pets, put the bait out in pie plates or paper plates in the evening and pick them up in the morning before the pets are allowed to run.

This is also a good time to take cuttings of geranium, fuchsias, impatient, coleus and other foliage plants. Cuttings should have their lower leaves removed, before being inserted into a mixture of one-half perlite or sand and one-half peat moss. This mixture will keep moist and still allow air to the cutting. Keep the rooting medium moist but not wet, as too much water keeps out the air.

Fuchsia, azalea and other tender cuttings should be enclosed in a plastic bag to prevent excessive wilting. All cuttings must be in a lighted area, diffused light or under a lighted bulb. This will keep the plants growing. Bright sun will keep too much heat in the plastic bag and kill the plants.

The cut stems of geraniums and cactus cuttings should be air dried for at least a day to heal the cut area and to prevent the bacteria rotting the cutting.

Post problems and cures

In order to foster a community spirit within the Presidio, community "mayors" have been appointed by the post commander. Each mayor will appoint several sub-mayors. In addition, the post commander, Colonel Lodge, has directed that senior occupants of multiple quarters be appointed on orders to assist with community affairs.

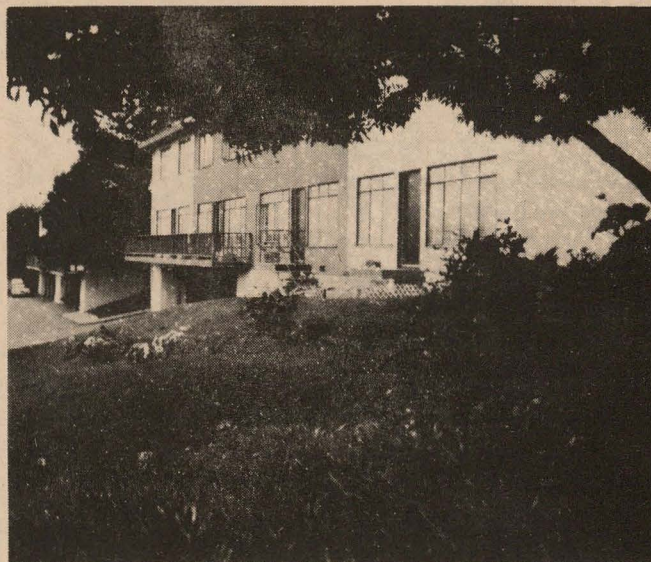
According to post Command Sergeant Major Beer, the changes will take place as part of the overall effort to spruce up the Presidio housing areas. He says that "there are many areas that don't really belong to anyone." This more formalized chain of command will help decide who is responsible for which areas.

The new system is not meant to replace the old neighborhood councils, rather, to strengthen the sense of community on the Presidio and to help resolve many types of disputes. Some feel these disputes stem from a lack of commitment by housing occupants to the places they occupy. "This is understandable," CSM Beer says. "We occupy these places for about two years and hope that they hold together. With this program, we want to make people concerned to build a community, not just a housing area."

Winner, Home of month award

As an adjunct to this post Community Beautification program, the post commander has begun a Home of the Month Award. The first winner on the Presidio is the home of Sergeant First Class William A. Munsterman, who lives in Quarters 1552-D. SFC Munsterman is assigned to the Western Region Recruiting Command.

His quarters were selected after a team of judges inspected the external appearance and found that his quarters, of all those nominated, showed the greatest care and effort.



SFC Munsterman's quarters

For the month of September, a plaque will be placed on Munsterman's front lawn. He will also receive an identification card allowing him to park in one of the existing reserved spaces at the commissary for a month.

This program, which will be a continuing one, has been started to give recognition to those families who have contributed to making and keeping the Presidio beautiful.

Each month neighborhood coordinators select two sets of quarters which are later inspected by a team of judges. When a multiple unit apartment is selected, all occupants who contributed to the appearance will be considered winners.

The winner also receives a letter of appreciation in addition to the plaque and the parking privilege at the commissary.

The man in the drug program

By Carol Cronin

Alcoholism is one of the major problems in the United States and in the Army. We at the Presidio have a special way of handling this situation—we have a rehabilitated alcoholic on our Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (ADAP) staff. His name is George Bryan.

Mr. Bryan has recently joined the ADAP staff as a Social Services Assistant Trainee, and is especially interested in educating and counseling co-alcoholics, or "people involved in an ongoing helpful relationship with an alcoholic."

Without a real knowledge of alcoholism as a disease, and accompanying counseling, these co-alcoholics, despite helpful intentions, might only aggravate an alcoholic's problem, and perpetuate a situation that is destructive to their own mental health.

Mr. Bryan is particularly suited to counseling in this area, since he is both co-alcoholic and rehabilitating alcoholic.

He is volunteering his time at ADAP through an agreement between the Army and the State Department of Rehabilitation, in which the State helps pay for his expenses during training, while the Army pro-



George Bryan

Photo by Bill Malkiel

vides the facilities for training. *He is the first participant in this type of program to work for the Presidio.*

One of the reasons he thinks Al-Anon is important is because he feels that "We can cut the recovery time in half by helping the families of alcoholics." An alcoholic can be given training and counseling to help him deal with his disease, but if he returns to family and friends that are still resentful of past hurts, or don't understand the pressures he's under, it may prove too much for him.

Mr. Bryan gave some vital do's and don't's in relating to an alcoholic. For instance, by nagging her husband too much about his drinking, and how it is disrupting their family, a wife can increase his already excessive feelings of guilt and failure, and drive him further into the temporary escape of drink.

Also, alcoholics often feel dependent and unsuccessful. So patronizing them, or treating them like children when they're drunk only aggravates these feelings, and alienates them.

Don't shoulder an alcoholic's responsibilities. It may prove a temporary solution, but in the long run you're playing his game by helping him deny that any problem exists.

Mr. Bryan advised that "The biggest favor you may be able to do for an alcoholic is allow a crisis situation to occur, so he will be forced to realize how serious the situation is, and perhaps seek help and start on

the road to recovery."

It's not true that an alcoholic can't be helped until he wants help. Although he has to make the decision to stop drinking himself, friends and family, by their attitude and actions, can either help start the recovery process, or keep the illness going.

There is an Al-Anon meeting Tuesdays from noon to 12:50 p.m. on the first floor of Bldg. 276. The meeting is open to anyone who has a friend, relative, or family member who has a drinking problem. Bring a bag lunch.

The meetings generally begin with a speaker who talks from 10 to 30 minutes, and then there is open discussion. Mr. Bryan described the sessions as, "a sharing of experiences with another person that has a similar problem." The meetings provide both knowledge of the disease of alcoholism, and personal guidance and support.

There is also an evening meeting on Thursdays from eight to nine in Room 326 of Letterman Hospital.

"God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can
And wisdom to know the difference."

This is The Serenity Prayer that is repeated in much Al-Anon literature and expresses the group's determination to face and deal with the disease of Alcoholism.

Give your fair share

CFC Fund Drive



United Way
of the Bay Area



With the slogan, "Give till it helps," members of the Presidio community kicked off the annual Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign September 10. Lasting until October 24, the campaign will raise funds to support the United Way of the Bay Area, the American Red Cross, the National Health Agencies, and the International Service Agencies. The United Way will receive 78 percent of the funds, National Health Agencies 16.4 percent, and International Service Agencies 5.6 percent.

The annual Combined Federal Campaign was started in 1966, to reduce administrative costs, allow-

ing more financial support to the voluntary agencies, and to establish a payroll deduction program, distributing one's donation over the entire year. Contributors can also give cash donations directly to keypersons. A favorite agency can be designated as recipient of the donation.

The 504th Military Police Battalion this year, as in past years, leads all contributions with \$20,573. This is a 60 percent increase over last year. The rest of the Presidio combined has contributed only about \$1,500 so far, so they have a long way to go to match their 1974 record breaking contribution of \$34,000.

Two hundred separate voluntary service agencies are financed through this drive. Among these are medical research teams searching for cures to Cancer, Diabetes, Muscular Dystrophy, and other diseases.

International Service Agencies such as Care, Project Hope, and Planned Parenthood, provide materials and technical education for self-help programs all over the world.

Youth clubs, legal aid societies, and community services are a few of the type of agencies that gain support from United Way Funds.

Ouch!...seafood at fingertips

Photo and story by C.D. Steen

The next time you have a craving for some delectable sea food, especially in the crab meat department, you might consider catching some yourself rather than forking over the usual exorbitant prices.

With just the use of a net you can catch enough crabs in one or two hours to satisfy your sea food appetite. Just head to the nearest pier on the Bay. Or more specifically, for people living on the Presidio, head to the long pier near Ft. Point or try the Ft. Baker pier. Both usually deliver.

As mentioned, equipment to catch crabs is minimal. There are different types of crab nets, but the hoop net is probably the most popular. It consists of a large hoop with netting, and a retrieving line. Bait, such as fish, heads or whole, chicken parts, liver, anything that gives off an odor, works well attracting crabs into the net. Baits should be secured to the netting to keep the crab from carrying it off. Crabs won't tell you they are in the net, so periodic checking, by pulling in the net, is the only way to see if the bait has been taken.

Nets can be bought in sporting stores, or even made. But if you would rather just borrow a hoop net to try your luck one time, then contact Outdoor Recreation, who have eight of them to rent out.

If you prefer another type of net, or wish to make

one yourself, there are rules on how they are to be designed. Check with the Department of Fish and Game by calling 397-4448.

There are two common types of crabs that can be caught in Bay Waters. One is the rock crab, and the other is the Dungeness (or commercial) crab, which is preferred by many people.

There are probably as many ways to prepare crab meat as there are species of crab. So to explain here the best way to cook them would be tedious. Just check a good sea food cookbook or ask someone familiar with the process.

Crab fishing requires a California salt-water license, so before you head to the docks with crab nets in hand, make sure one is in your possession. If you already have a fishing license, you're set.

There are laws governing the removal of crabs from the sea. Presently, very little applies to the plentiful rock crabs, as there is no limit in amount or size, and no season on them. But Dungeness crabs are protected by certain laws.

For this area, Dungeness crabs have a season that goes from the second Tuesday in November, through June 30. There is a 10-crab limit and there is a size limit. Minimum size is six and a quarter inches, measured by the shortest distance through the body from shell edge to shell edge directly in front of and



This San Franciscan uses a hoop net for his crab fishing at pier on the Presidio.

excluding the points (lateral lines). This is according to 1975 California Sport Fishing Regulations.

Identifying the two species of crabs isn't too hard. The Dungeness crabs are much larger than the rock crab and have a smooth shell. Rock crabs have a lumpy shell, usually much smaller, and are more common around piers.

Sports

SF Softball league

Utilizing the infield-fly rule, short stop Ed Geier turned a one-man doubleplay against the Hiballers, thwarting a possible uprising as PSF held for an 11-8 win in a San Francisco Softball League game Tuesday night.

Going into the bottom half of the 7th inning, PSF pitcher C.D. Steen allowed two batters to bang out hits, scoring one of them to make the score 11-8. Another Hiballer ripped a grounder through the hole leaving men on first and second. A pop fly by the next batter made the first out.

Another pop fly by the following batter to Geier was dropped intentionally. That batter was automatically out, but the runner on second forgot to hold and was tagged by Geier for the final out.

PSF got 12 hits with Neil Hagedorn going four for four.

In other San Francisco Softball League action Tuesday night, the 170th MP Company lost to the

Headhunters 6-4. The Headhunters got their two winning runs in the last inning on an error.

PSF is now 3-1 so far in the league and the 170th is 2-2. Each team has three games left.

FLAG FOOTBALL

The standings for Presidio flag football as of Monday, September 15 were:

Presidio league	Wins	Losses
USAG	0	1
402d MP	1	0
Oakland Army Reserve Base	1	0
LAMC #1	1	0
170th MP	0	1
LAIR	0	1

Fort Scott league	Wins	Losses
Western Region Recruiting Command	0	2
864th Engrs	1	1
US Army Reference Lab	0	2
HHD 504th MP Bn	1	1
LAMC #2	2	0
Dist Corps Engrs	2	0

Youth flag football program:

Youth Flag Football clinics will be conducted at the PX Field (located next to the Post Library), on Friday,

September 19, at 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 20, at 8 a.m. All youths who have signed up or anticipate participating in this program are urged to attend.

Coaches will be in attendance for the purpose of rating all youths for selection to teams. On Sunday, September 21, at 1 p.m., all coaches will meet at the PX Field and draft rated players for their respective teams. For further information contact the Youth Activities Director, Ext. 4120/5032.

Volunteer coaches needed for girls' softball team:

Twenty-seven dependent girls (ages 10-17) have expressed a desire to organize a Presidio Girls' Softball Team. These girls can start practicing to form a team that will be entered in a San Francisco league starting the latter part of September.

At the present time, a dire need exists for coaches to help these girls. All interested personnel please contact the Youth Activities Director, Ext. 4120/5032.

Active duty tennis lessons:

Beginning tennis lessons for Active Duty personnel are scheduled to start September 25, if six persons sign up and pay the \$30.00 fee for 10 lessons. The lessons would be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 6 p.m. at Infantry Terrace Tennis Court. For further information or sign up, come to the Post Gym, Bldg. 63, or call Ext. 4120/5032.

Dependent youth opportunities

Following is a summary of organized Youth Activities with appropriate telephone numbers and points of contacts for the convenience of those seeking further information.

Teen club:

The Teen Club, located in Building 92, offers a variety of activities to dependent youth which include: Pingpong, color television, pool, a juke box, musical instruments and a variety of small games.

Membership to the Club is open to all dependent youths, 13 to 19 years of age with a military dependent I.D. Card.

Boy Scouts:

Boy Scout Troop #77, located in the upstairs of Building 661, meets the first three Wednesdays of every month at 7 p.m. The average program consists of three Scout meetings, one camp out, one swim night, and one special event per month.

Cub Scouts:

If your child is seeking character development, citizenship training, and mental and physical fitness, Cub Scout Pack #77 is the place to send them. This activity is open to all military dependent boys ages 8 thru 10.

Monthly Pack meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Building 1212. Further information pertaining to registration and den assignments may be obtained by calling SP6 Condry, 561-2967.

Girl Scouts:

Presidio Girl Scouting is open to all girls of active or retired military personnel from 2nd through 12th grades of school and maintains the highest standards of National and Local Girl Scouting.

The Troops include the Brownies, for 2nd and 3rd graders; the Juniors, for 4th, 5th and 6th graders; the Cadettes, for 7th, 8th and 9th graders; and the Seniors, for 10th, 11th and 12th graders.

Adults wishing to help in the program have ample refresher and beginner training available. Further information pertaining to registration or training may be obtained by calling the following women: Mrs. Peter Pedrottei, 585-1028, or Mrs. Constance Balderson, 561-4048.

Basketball:

Two separate Basketball Leagues are formed each season starting in November and running through March. The Minor League, composed of boys between the ages of 8 through 12, and the Major League, which is composed of boys between the ages of 13 through 16.

Tryouts are conducted during the first two weeks of November and teams are formulated. All games are played at the Presidio Gymnasium. Coaches and officials are urgently needed in support of this program.

Youth baseball:

The Presidio Baseball Activity provides various levels of competition for dependent boys and girls. Teams are broken down by age groups and consist

of Bantam, ages 8 thru 12; CAL-PAL, ages 13 thru 15; and Joe DiMaggio, ages 16 thru 18.

Assistance in the form of military volunteers for team managers and coaches is urgently needed to provide the Bantam, CAL-PAL, and Joe DiMaggio League Commissioners with management and coaching staffs.

Aquarius swim club:

If swimming appeals to your children, and you wish to join, the club members practice at the Letterman Swimming Pool every weekday 4 - 6 p.m. All are invited to watch or participate. Swim coach Don Perez (Tel: 3673) will provide further details on joining the club.

Junior bowling league:

Junior Bowling is open to all boys and girls ages 8 through 21. Two leagues are offered to youths: the Winter League which starts in September and lasts through April, and the Summer League which runs from May through August.

Members bowl every Saturday morning and Monday late afternoon at the Presidio Bowling Center.

Both Leagues are sanctioned by the American Junior Bowling Congress and bowl by AJBC Rules.

For information on registration and fees contact the Youth Activities Director, extension 4120/5032.

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Energy . . . Save now or freeze later

By Beky Beaton

Take a look at a modern middle-class family at home around 6 p.m. on a summer's evening, and you'll probably see something like this: Dad's in the middle of the 20-minute shower he takes every day after work. Mom's in the kitchen with a roast in the oven and two or three pots on the burners. It's getting a little warm in there, so she turns the air conditioning down to 70 degrees.

Upstairs, Billy is "studying" with the record player on. The doors and curtains in this room are shut, so all the lights are on. Jody is down in the den watching the 20-inch color television. In the next room, Alice is running the vacuum cleaner.

Outside, Mark is getting into the car he has just spent half an hour washing down with the hose. There's a huge muddy puddle in the grass where he left it between rinses. He's on his way to the gas station — there's a bit less than a quarter of a tank in the car, but he's taking Suzie to see a show in the next town tonight, and there's just not enough gas for the 40-mile round trip.

Yesterday or Tomorrow?

Normal, everyday life. Now take a look at another family in the wintertime at the same evening hour: Dad, arriving home, slowly dismounts, unsaddles his horse and leads it to its stall for the night. Blowing on his hands in an effort to keep them functional, he lowers a bucket into the nearby well and fills it about halfway. Once inside, he takes the bucket upstairs, and with chattering teeth wipes himself off and wraps up in warm clothing. Mom is in the kitchen, cooking in a single pot over a tiny fire.

Don is attempting to read by the light of the solitary candle in the room. Allen comes in with a shovel full of coal and throws it in the little stove. Ada is sitting nearby, wrapped in a blanket and staring at the dancing flames. Vera is in the other room, vigorously sweeping the floor. As the winter storm continues to howl outside, the family huddles around the stove, eating their meal in silence.

Pioneer days, right? Wrong. It's the 21st century. The floor Vera was sweeping is carpeted. The kitchen stove and lights won't work; the power plant was shut down when the reservoir went dry. The house has taps, but they don't work either because the river water pumps can't get any fuel to run on. That's the story of the car too — it's outside and up on bricks. It hasn't been used since the last station in town ran out of gas years ago. Is this an exaggeration? Hopefully yes. But it won't be unless we all do something now to stop our incredible consumption of fuel.

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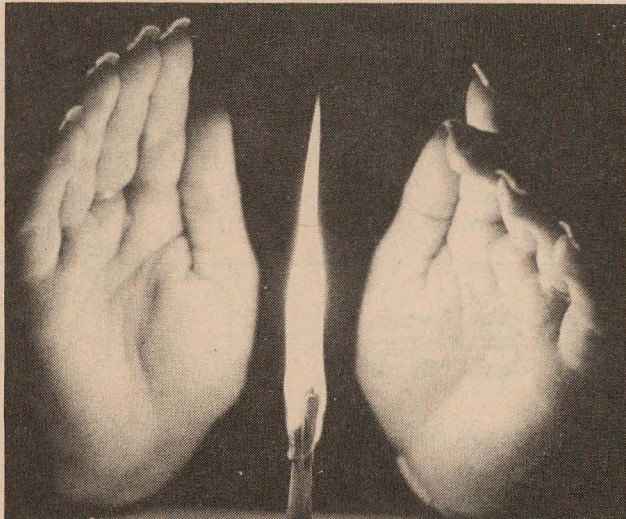


Photo by C.D. Steen

Keeping warm could come to this.

Where goes the gas?

If the world continues to increase energy consumption at the current rate, experts say there will be no natural gas in 40 years, no petroleum in a century, and no coal in 400 years. Of course as one energy source runs out, more of another kind will have to take its place. On this basis then, known reserves of oil and coal are not expected to last much beyond 50 and 300 years respectively.

In America, the situation is even more critical. Energy consumption rates per person are growing even faster than our population. Right now, with 20 percent of the world's population, we are using 35 percent of the world's energy. Our current amount of energy usage will double in the next 17 years, and during that time period we will use more energy than the world has used in its entire history, if we continue to increase our use per person at its current rate.

What about possible solutions? Everyone knows that our main source of energy right now, fossil fuels, take millions of years to make. When we're out, we're out. Nuclear energy has become a possible and popular answer, but upon examination it may create more problems than it solves. The Atomic Energy Commission maintains that we receive more harmful radiation from a color television set than we would from a nuclear plant outfitted with the correct shield.

A fear of nuclear side effects

This has been proven to be true. However, there are other side effects from nuclear power plants which would cause serious consequences in ecological terms. For example, in order for a reactor of suitable size to produce the electricity needed by the city of Los Angeles, the water used to cool the reactor when returned to the bay would raise the temperature in the bay by 10 degrees a year.

Second, there is the matter of disposing of nuclear

waste. People want it barred from land burial on the grounds that the radiation may affect the environment. Dumping it into the sea has raised similar objections, since some scientists predict that the ocean will be the breadbasket of tomorrow. Some have said that it ought to be sent to the moon, but it's also been suggested that population overflow from earth at some later time be moved there, and they certainly wouldn't want a lot of radioactive waste around, besides the tremendous cost of disposing of waste in this way.

Solar energy has been mentioned also, but no one has found a safe and economical way to harness it yet. Coal is a temporary solution for the lack of petroleum, but it will run out too and is a threat to the environment also. Even the anti-pollution devices now mandatory in smokestacks have caused an acid buildup in the atmosphere which is affecting wildlife and water quality in many areas.

America, the cornerstone

Since Americans use so much energy, the responsibility to conserve and develop alternate sources of energy lies largely with us. The Department of Defense, one of the nation's biggest single energy users, established itself long ago as a leader in energy conservation, even before the average American ever heard of an "energy crisis." That phrase is off the front pages, and people have apparently forgotten it. DOD has not, and pressure is continually applied to all branches of the armed forces to control and conserve energy at all levels.

Editor's note: At the Presidio, energy conservation is a major concern. According to Mrs. Nancy Freeman, Supervisory Budget Analyst, one of the biggest bills on the Presidio is for utilities. The bill for the month of August was \$126,443.

We asked Mr. Robert Davis, Chief of Utilities, if he had any suggestions on energy conservation. He commented that certain energy-saving procedures would become items of inspection during fire marshal and IG visits. Davis said that thermostats should be turned no higher than 68 degrees in occupied rooms, 55 degrees in rooms where manual work is done and that unoccupied rooms should be unheated. He added that some of the biggest wasters of energy were uncleaned furnace filters, leaking hot water faucets and unnecessary lights.

There are many methods of saving energy. To help the Army and the Presidio maintain mission-readiness, every member of the Presidio community is urged to submit suggestions on energy conservation and to personally avoid energy wastage.

Congress still debates. . .

5 percent military pay raise

The pay charts below reflect Oct. 1 military pay raises under the five percent comparability figure President Ford has recommended.

The President's proposed 5 percent pay hike will go into effect Oct. 1 unless either the Senate or House of Representatives overrides the President's proposal by a majority vote. Congressional override would mean the 8.66 rate would be the effective increase Oct. 1. Congress has until the end of September to act.

The pay charts are based on official DoD computations. (ANF)

Junior Enlisted				
Pay Grade	Under 2	2	3	4
E-1	361.20			
E-2	402.80			
E-3	418.20	441.20	459.00	477.00

Senior Non-Commissioned Officers							
Pay Grade	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
E-7	784.80	820.20	843.30	867.00	878.40	937.50	1053.90
E-8		925.50	949.50	971.70	995.70	1053.90	1171.80
E-9				1113.90	1135.80	1195.80	1311.60

Commissioned Officers--Company Grade									
Pay Grade	Under 2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14
O-1	666.00	693.30	838.20						
O-2		838.20	1006.80	1040.40	1062.30				
O-3				1163.70	1219.20	1263.30	1330.80	1397.10	1431.30

Mid-Grade Non-Commissioned Officers											
Pay Grade	Under 2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
E-4	435.00	459.30	486.00	524.10	544.50						
E-5	452.40	492.60	516.30	538.80	573.90	597.30	621.30	643.80	656.10		
E-6			609.60	632.70	656.10	679.80	715.20	737.40	760.80	772.80	

Commissioned Officers--Field Grade										
Pay Grade	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
O-4	1252.50	1308.30	1397.10	1476.00	1543.50	1610.70	1655.40			
O-5				1633.20	1755.90	1856.70	1912.50	1979.70		
O-6							2114.40	2237.40	2426.10	

City lights

By Carol Cronin

Friday, 26th Don't forget the free dinner and dancing at the USO club, 1019 Market Street, starting at 6:00 tonight. The International Antique Show and Sale is continuing today through Sunday from noon to 10 p.m., except Sunday when the show closes at 6 p.m. The outstanding collection is being housed at the Sheraton Palace Hotel. Rani Cochran performs classical guitar at 10 p.m. at the Old First Presbyterian Church's Candlelight Series.

Saturday, 27th The Turk Murphy Jazz Band helps celebrate the Bicentennial by giving a free concert today and tomorrow at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Fort Point. Turk Murphy will recall America's past with tunes that have made the 27-year-old band a favorite in the U.S. and abroad. You've never seen a grape stomping contest? Then don't miss the Soledad Mission Wine Festival today. And if that isn't enough for you, the Valley of the Moon Vintage

Festival in Sonoma today and tomorrow offers folk dancing, musical events, and the blessing of the grapes, which you can toast with free wine tastings.

Sunday, 28th Today concludes the Japanese Folk Festival at Japan Center which presents judo demonstrations, tea ceremonies, and Japanese dancing, among other events.

The recreation center is providing free transportation, via military bus, to the Napa Valley wineries, leaving today at 9 a.m. and returning around 5 or 6 p.m. Reserve a seat by phoning the recreation center. All active duty military are allowed one guest. Bring your own lunch.

Monday, 29th Love flowers? Then plunge into a greenhouse full of exotic orchids. McLellan's Orchids, 1450 El Camino Real, South San Francisco, offers free greenhouse tours at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

every day except Christmas and New Year.

Tuesday, 30th An evening with Charlie Chaplin. Four Chaplin shorts, "The Cure," "The Immigrant," "The Property Man," and "A Woman," are being shown free at the Excelsior Branch Library, 4400 Mission, 2 and 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 1st The Exploratorium at the Palace of Fine Arts has a free "Illusion in Nature and Art" exhibit Wednesdays through Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays, 7 to 9:30 p.m., until November 15. There are both artistic illusions and examples of natural illusion as used for camouflage and reproduction.

Thursday, 2nd Pulitzer prize-winning author, N. Scott Momaday, will lecture tonight on Native American culture, based on his experience as a Kiowa Indian. The free lecture will be at 8 p.m. in the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre.

News notes

Singing Auditions

Auditions for the Presidio Singers, a mixed choral ensemble to be organized under the auspices of Recreation Services and to be directed by Elaine Elam, will be held Monday and Tuesday evenings, October 6 and 7, at 8 p.m. in the Presidio Music Center. All interested men and women are invited to try out.

In addition to producing their own seasonal concerts, the Singers plan to perform for various activities on the Presidio and in the San Francisco area. A variety of music, from seriously composed choral works to Broadway to popular tunes, will complete the repertoire. It is hoped that novelty numbers and special talents of individual members can be featured as well.

The only requirements for membership are a good musical ear and a love for singing. Auditioners do not have to read music to qualify. If possible, prepare one verse of your favorite song and come ready to enjoy a relaxed evening of singing together, not a knee-knocking audition. You can experience the most personal of musical expressions by participating in this exciting new aspect of the Presidio's music program. For more information call 5897/3992.

Annual Fashion Show

The Presidio Women's Club will hold its annual Fashion Show and luncheon on October 2 at the Presidio Officers' Club with Sherry Hour beginning at 11 a.m. The fashions this year will be from two Sacramento Street boutiques, Lexies Fashionables at 3603 and Elizabeth Grand Boutique at 3255A. The boutiques will be using 10 professional models showing men and women's clothing. Ms. Jane Winthrop will be commentator. Information and Reservations: Mrs. J. King 561-2773.

Ski Fitness

To prepare the skier for the slopes as soon as the first flakes fly, the Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Avenue, is running a pre-ski conditioning class on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 6 weeks, from 7 - 8:30 p.m., beginning September 30. The class includes fitness testing and exercises for conditioning, flexibility and endurance. Contact Central YMCA at 885-0460 for details.

Stern Grove Photography Day

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department will be conducting its Annual Photography Day this year at the beautiful Sigmund Stern Grove located at 19th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, Sunday, October 5, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Photography Day theme, as always, is to present many interesting activities, colorful exhibits, and exciting photographic programs, to enable the hundreds of amateur photographers in attendance an opportunity to use their cameras while enjoying the many activities of the day.

The San Francisco Recreation Symphony will give a concert, which will constitute the major portion of the stage presentation.

Macy's will conduct a fashion show, with the professional models wearing Period Costumes for a Bicentennial theme.

The San Francisco Zoological Society and the Junior Museum will have large live animal exhibits.

Community mayors

The following is a list of the senior occupants (community mayors) by housing areas: 4-65 PSF LTC N.D. Harms, LTC E.J. O'Grady; 124-129 PSF SGM C.L. McKelvie, MSG A.H. Albrecht; 325-345 PSF BG R.M. Connell, COL J.E. Canham, COL G. Kanemoto; 401-434 PSF COL W.A. Akers, LTC R.D. Broskey; 510-551 PSF COL J.C. Kinney, COL C.T. Hine; 715-791 PSF MAJ C.J. Revinsky, CPT D.E. Dennay; 808-684 PSF SGM C. Martin, MSG A.G. Herrera; 952-966 PSF MAJ R.H. Ree, CPT J.V. Olsen; 1000-1004 PSF BG C.S. Woodard, COL T.B. Hauschild, COL H.H. Schwamb; 1211-1282 PSF COL S. Dixon, LTC E.F. Kline; 1240-1298 PSF MAJ S.H. Gordon, CPT M.J. Denee; 1401-1443 PSF LTC K.S. Yamashita, LTC J.M. Balsen; 1703-1713 PSF CSM G.C. Cruz, MSG E.S. Phillips; 1300-1337 PSF COL A.C. Gomez, COL S.B. Mutz; 1501-1598 PSF SGM W.E. Merritt, MSG M.J. Gaffney, MSG E.H. Hannan, MSG F.P. Castro; 603-631 Ft. Baker COL D.G. Sharp, LTC D.A. Gelster; 500-568 Ft. Baker LTC M.A. Moussa, MAJ D.T. Combs; 800-870 Ft. Barry, MAJ P.F. Gatens, CPT P.A. O'Mara; 934-939 Ft. Barry MAJ G.L. Dunson, MAJ C.H. Cox; 2-239 Ft. Mason BG O.C. Metheny, COL W.C. Hess.

New Presidio Playhouse

The Presidio Players' production of "YOU KNOW I CAN'T HEAR YOU WHEN THE WATER'S RUNNING" will open the new Recreation Services Music and Theatre Branch facility on Friday, October 3 at 8 p.m. The comedy is being staged in-the-round, with the audience seated on four sides of elevated seating platforms around the performing area.

"YOU KNOW I CAN'T HEAR YOU. . . ." is a warm-hearted quartet of short plays by Robert Anderson, author of "Tea and Sympathy" and "I Never Sang For My Father." Each of the plays features a different cast and they have been directed by Major Robert Brock, Craig Cummins and William Browder.

Beginning Monday, September 29, the box office at the Playhouse will be open from 1 - 5 p.m., except Sundays, and 30 minutes before performances. Tickets are only \$1.00. Performances will be given on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays (except October 5) at 7 p.m. through October 26.

Recreation Services Music and Theatre Director, Donald Hess, states that a busy season is being planned at the Playhouse. After the opening on October 3, tryouts will be held on October 6 and 7 for "THE ANDERSONVILLE TRIAL."

Pending the granting of performance rights, the season will continue with Neil Simon's "THE GOOD DOCTOR," the musical comedy - "GEORGE M," and probably a melodrama in the tradition of 19th century American theatre.

Nature lovers

The Central YMCA of San Francisco, has a fascinating, educational, and unusual trip plan for September 26, 27, 28. The weekend trip includes a visit to the famous Mercer Caverns; Showplace of the Sierras, Columbia State Historic Park; in the heart of the Mother Lode Country, and Calaveras Big Trees State Park. This should be quite a memorable weekend for geologist and nature lovers. For more information call Central YMCA at 885-0460.

Bridge Club

Beginning Saturday, September 27, the Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Avenue will offer an 8-week course in Bridge. The Club is for people who know the fundamentals, but need a refresher course or help with more advanced play.

COURTESY

Unwise use of energy leads to shortage and pollution.

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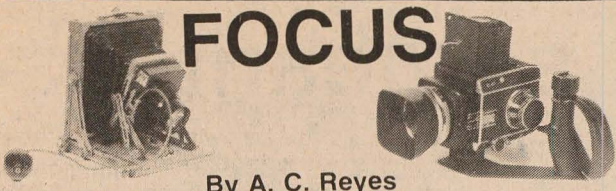
Q: In reference to school bus transportation from Pershing Brooks area to St. Monica's School, at the present time we're not provided Army transportation. We have to use city transportation due to lack of funds for a bus from the Army. It has come to my attention that the city bus line is having a problem with funds and have had to remove 12 buses from their regular schedule. Consequently, there is no schedule, so the children are waiting 45 minutes for the Route 28 bus. I've talked to MUNI and they said the problem will become worse. The MUNI man suggested getting the children there at least an hour before time. This would probably guarantee them getting there prior to 8:30. He recommended getting involved in the politics of the matter. Is there anything that the Army can do to provide transportation?
Rosalee Kroll, 752-9358

A: MUNI reported that bus #28 services the Pershing-Brooks area for children attending the St. Monica's school on a 24-minute schedule. The Transportation Motor Pool does not have sufficient buses or operating personnel to provide additional school bus service to and from Post area's served by public transportation. Should waiting time prove to be excessive, the Transportation Officer will assist in resolving the matter.

Major Suend A. Mejdal, Chief, Transportation Division

Dial the 24-hour phone service: L-I-N-E, or send your questions to:

**Action Line
Information Office
Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129**



By A. C. Reyes

A few rules to keep in mind when shooting are: Keep your camera steady. The cutest expression, your best composition, and the most priceless moment will mean nothing if the picture is blurred. Use 125th of a second or higher if light conditions permit. Or try leaning against a wall, post or fence. This will steady you enough.

Another rule to keep in mind is one that is the most commonly disregarded: Fill the viewfinder. If you are using a single lens reflex camera, all you have to do is get closer until your subject is filling the viewfinder (three to five feet, usually) and then back up only if it is necessary to get everything in. This is not to say that every picture you take should be a head-and-shoulder shot, but rather that it is wise to bear in mind what you really want a picture of and then eliminate as much of the excess as possible.

When you look through the viewfinder, consider the total picture. What's in the background? Is there anything to serve as foreground framing? Should the person or people be centered or off to one side? If so, which side? Is it better horizontal or vertical? Turn your camera vertically and see. If your first look reveals a cluttered, distracting background, try changing your angle until you find one that is pleasing and that you like. Shoot, change your angle and shoot again, you may find the second (or third) frame comes out better.

The blotter



From Military Police Investigations

The theft of property from parked unattended automobiles is a constant problem anywhere there are large parking lots. The Presidio is no exception.

In combating these thefts, the first step is crime prevention. Don't invite the theft of your property by leaving your windows down, and doors unlocked. Remove any pilferable items from public view. Exposed stereo tape decks, and tapes, CB radios, and fishing rods are very tempting to Mr. Thief. If you expect to be away from your vehicle for any length of time, secure your valuables in the trunk of the car. "LOCK IT AND POCKET" the keys.

Here is some news on this same line. Information received from local police sources indicate that there has been an upswing in theft from vehicles while they are stopped at traffic control lights.

The thief's M.O. is to loiter in the vicinity of traffic control signals, and when cars stop for a red light, the thief will open the door on the unoccupied side of the car, and steal whatever property that is lying on the seat.

While this type of incident has not been experienced at the Presidio, it is easy to see that the simple crime prevention tip in this case is to keep windows up, and doors locked on the unoccupied side of your car while driving through the city.

Plant Facts



By Rudy Choun, post agronomist

Presented as part of the Presidio Beautification Program.

Flowering plants which can be planted now at the Presidio to bloom during the winter are calendula, stock, pansy, cineraria, snapdragon, sweet peas, viola, primrose and forget-me-nots. Bulbs that can be planted now are daffodils, tulips and anemones. (Editor's note: anemones are not bulbs, but with ferns like we have, who needs anemones).

African violets should be watered with warm water—cold water shocks the plant. If your African violets are not blooming now, give them more light. Artificial light at night will sometimes do the trick.

The longest word in the English language is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis. According to an unidentified source at LAMC's pathology lab, the word refers to a lung condition, brought about by volcanic dust, which can be detected only under the electron microscope.

New forms for new Army

Senior and junior enlisted Army members will soon get more accurate evaluations from their superiors when the Presidio begins using two new forms—one for E-6's and above and one for E-5's and below. These forms will replace the single form now used for all enlisted soldiers.

The Army is using the new Enlisted Evaluation Reports (EERs) because of basic differences in duty requirements between junior and senior enlisted soldiers.

Major changes in the two forms include:

A wider range of specifically evaluated traits are included.

The senior EER includes a section on specific leadership skills.

Very high or very low ratings must be justified in writing. In addition, more space is devoted to written observations.

Rebuttal statements are no longer included, but appeals may be submitted up to two years after the report is authenticated by the reviewed soldier.

The scoring system will allow the rated soldiers to determine the source of his scores.

The person will be rated on individual traits instead of as a whole.

The soldier will be rated by two people, a rater and an indorser, who will make independent observations. Both rater and indorser must counsel the rated soldier.

A third person, the reviewer, must authenticate the report.

According to Sergeant Gloria Neff, NCO in charge of EERs at the Presidio, no single instance of outstanding or mediocre performance should be allowed to overshadow the person's total performance.

Sgt. Neff added that the rater must be a first line supervisor, E-6 or above, at least one pay grade higher than the rated soldier and in charge of him or her for 60 days (E-5 and below) or 90 days (E-6 and above).

Only E-7s are rated for first sergeant potential and only E-8s are rated for command sergeant major potential.

The indorser must be senior to the rater in either pay grade or date of rank, and must have supervised him for 60 days (for junior EERs) or 90 days (for senior EERs).

The reviewer must be a warrant or commissioned officer, or civilian and senior to the indorser. If the rater and indorser are civilian or in another U.S. military service, the reviewer cannot also be civilian or other service.

E-4s and are rated in August, E-5s in November, E-6s in January, E-7s in March and E-8s and 9s in May.

Questions on the two forms can be answered by calling 4214 or 4392.

Ripoffs for unwary

By Carol Cronin

Downtown San Francisco can be a rip-off, or it can be a fun experience, depending a little on your luck, and a lot on your common sense and caution.

We asked the San Francisco Police Department and the city District Attorney's Office to give us some tips on how to spot and avoid frauds and rip-offs.

Lieutenant Raymond Canepa, of the fraud department of the S.F.P.D., said that "pickpockets are still a major problem in the city, and although people should be careful in any crowd, they should be particularly wary in the bus and train stations, and while riding city buses." To make themselves less likely victims, "men should carry their wallet in an inside coat pocket or a buttoned pant's pocket, and women carrying a purse should hold it over the clasp."

Less common, but still finding gullible victims, are the con artists. Their angles vary greatly, but Lieutenant Canepa mentioned the "pigeon drop," as one ploy they use.

The con man, sometimes pretending to be a newly arrived foreigner, approaches the subject, saying he's found a great deal of money but doesn't know where to keep it, or doesn't trust banks. If the subject will prove his good faith, with money of course, the con man will entrust him with the money for safe keeping, half of which he can keep for his trouble. The ploy is usually completed through an exchange of envelopes, in which the victim is supposedly receiving a large sum, and giving only a token amount to prove his sincerity. He soon finds otherwise, but not soon enough.

As easy as such a scheme is to see through, con men still find people that are gullible enough to believe that some stranger is going to give them something for nothing.

Lieutenant Canepa said that the best advice he could give to shoppers is the old adage, "Let the buyer beware." The shopper is the best person to protect his own interests by finding out as much as possible about what he's buying and from whom.

Mr. Julian Rhine of the Consumer Protection Department of the District Attorney's Office, said, "Don't count on verbal guarantees, get it in writing." If a store really backs up their guarantee, they won't object to having it in writing.

This is assuming you're dealing with an established store. However, there are many small side street stores and street merchants a shopper might deal with. These are required to have a license and conform to certain rules, but there is no guarantee of how long they'll be around, or any practical way to check on the quality of their wares. So if you like something they have, buy it for its face value, realiz-

Photo by C.D. Steen



ing it may not be real Indian jewelry or clothing, or real jade or turquoise.

Some less reputable stores carry brands that sound just close enough to name brands that people buy the product mistaking it for the established one, and thinking they have found a good deal until they discover they bought a cheap imitation. The store never said it was the name brand, so there's little that can be done after the sale.

Mr. Rhine also mentioned baiting, which is a practice stores use to draw customers. "They advertise one piece of merchandise for an amazingly low price," he said, "but when the shopper stops in to see it, the salesperson talks the original product down, working up to a more expensive item." Again, this isn't illegal, but can lead to a shopper getting talked into a more expensive purchase than he would usually make.

If you have any questions or complaints concerning downtown businesses, call the District Attorney's Office at 553-1030, or the Better Business Bureau at 398-4300.

If you are the victim of a crime, or see one, report it immediately to the police.

Mud in his teeth

The Presidio's off-road sergeant

Mud, dust, rocks and overheated steel. . .to Chuck Inman these are the makings of a perfect Sunday afternoon. He races and builds off-road vehicles in his spare time.

One look at his mud-spattered grin as

he accepted the winner's trophy at an off-road race Sunday afternoon would answer any questions as to why an otherwise sane Army Sergeant would engage in such strenuous activity. Inman says, "I do it because it's a chal-

lenge to see if you can put a vehicle together and keep it running." He says that on a really rugged course, vehicle preparation is more important than driver ability. The small, open framed cars are so battered by the race that every bolt has to be pinned or wired to keep it from slipping.

Sergeant First Class Inman is an equipment specialist at the Presidio's office of the Deputy Chief of Logistics.

Inman became interested in off-road vehicles in Germany, where he spent 14 years in various Army assignments. He uses the skills in foreign car repair he picked up in Germany to pay for his racing, by repairing other people's cars at night.

Inman has three years of California off-road racing experience. The Valley Off-Road Racing Association (VORA) sponsors five races per year plus one championship race in October. Inman participates as a professional in these races and pulls down fair, if nominal, prize money every time he wins. Presently, he is leading in points to win the VORA 1200cc Class 9 championship. "Class 9" refers to single-seat, open-wheel vehicles. He races one called a *Funco SS1*, which has a 40-horse, VW motor with what he calls, "all the legal modifications."

Asked about his biggest thrill, he said it was the time he beat Mickey Thompson at the Firecracker 250 a few years back.

Photos by Jim Stuhler



Mud-spattered Chuck Inman after race. He built the Funco SS1 in his basement. The vehicle is equipped with a 1200cc VW engine.

Inman, number 45, tears up the Argyle Cycle Park dirt track during last Sunday's meet.

Big check from wandering MPs

Reprinted from the HELPING HAND

The 110 members of the 402nd Military Police Company at Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas supporting the Indochina refugee program, have not forgotten the needy people around the Presidio.

An oversized, symbolic check, representing the 402's donation of \$11,445 to the San Francisco Bay Area Combined Federal Campaign, was recently presented to the unit's campaign chairman, Second Lieutenant Terry Moreau.

"This is going to help a whole lot of folks," said 2LT Moreau.

The average individual contribution of more than \$100 could not be confirmed as an Army-wide record. However, it is expected that the MPs will again be the top company-level contributor in the Bay Area.

"We have a reputation to maintain," added Moreau.

Last year the 402nd MP Co. gave \$8,900 of the 504th MP Battalion's total of \$15,500. Adding the contributions from the 1/3 of the company that remained at the Presidio the 402nd should exceed the total battalion contribution of last year.

The top three individual contributors were re-

warded by being designated company commander for a day.

Private First Class Craig Rawson, who gave \$42.50 a month, said he would promote himself when he assumed command. Rawson quickly retracted that statement, thinking that friends in his hometown of Santa Rosa, Calif. would forget how humble and modest he was.

Private First Class Bill Turner of Riverside, Calif., a \$40 a month contributor, will conduct a tough inspection of the guard mount on his day of command.

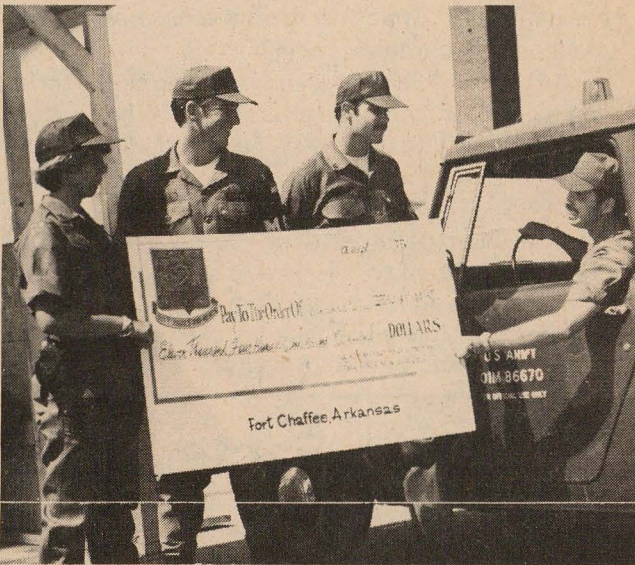
Private (E-2) Jo Ann Dippold from St. Marys, Penn., who gave \$40 a month would allow the unit to have the day off when she commands.

"All except the officers," she jokingly added.

"When you see privates giving \$40 a month you know that's a sincere concern for the needs of others," commented Company Commander Captain Floyd J. Davis.

Editors note: Here on the Presidio, the total contribution to CFC as of Wednesday was \$25,663.50. Approximately 18 percent of the 3300 eligible on the Presidio have contributed. About 76 percent of those 615 people have contributed via the payroll deduction system.

CFC news



U.S. Army photo

Combined Federal Campaign. . .A "whopping" check for \$11,445 representing the 402nd MP company contribution to the Bay Area CFC is presented to Lieutenant Terry Moreau by Pvt. JoAnn Dippold, PFC Bill Turner and PFC Craig Rawson. All are on temporary assignment to Fort Chaffee, Arkansas to aid Asian refugees.

sports

Flag Football

The standings for Presidio flag football as of September 22 were:

Ft. Scott League

	Wins	Losses
Dist Corps of Engrs	2	0
LAMC #2	2	0
HHD 504th MP Bn	1	1
864th Engrs	1	1
USA Reference Lab	0	2

Presidio league

	Wins	Losses
LAMC #1	3	0
170th MP	2	0
Oakland A.R. Base	2	1
402d MP	1	2
USAG	1	2
LAIR	0	3

Post Softball League

PSF used the Stanislaus Imports for batting practice during San Francisco League softball action Tuesday night, as the post team battered the opposition, 24-4. The 31-hit circus allowed post batters to come to

the plate as many as five times and extended the game well over the hour and twenty minute time limit.

Included in the onslaught was John Hughes hitting two homers, and C.D. Steen hitting one.

Stanislaus got their four runs on 11 hits.

"We got the kind of hitting we're capable of dishing out but never got during the first four games," said coach-player 'Zap' Zapata. "In this game alone we nearly equaled the total runs of our previous games. We have only one game left which we must win to stay eligible for the class division playoffs next month."

The 170th MP Company forfeited their game when they were not able to field enough players.

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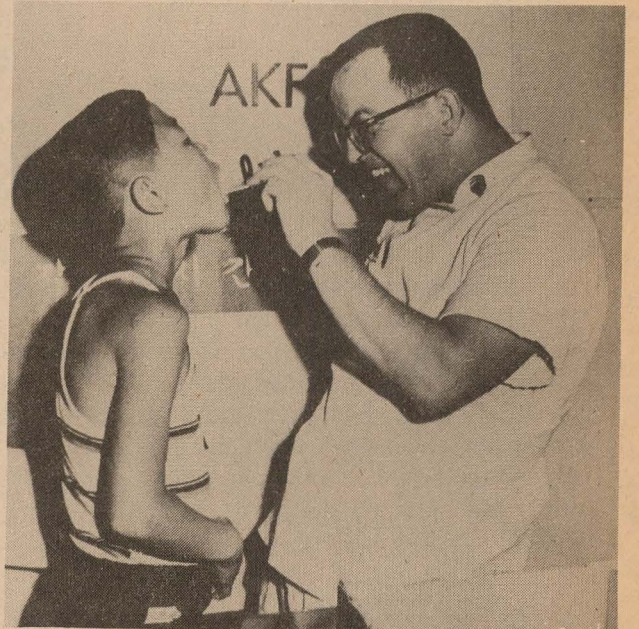
Presidio of San Francisco

Friday, October 3, 1975

Photos courtesy of the Bay Area Crusade, Kaz Tsuruta and Judy Vaughn



The Combined Federal Campaign funds a full spectrum of health services, including speech, audiology and aid to the hearing impaired. In addition, funds go for rehabilitation and work training programs for victims of emotional and physical problems. Outpatient clinics provide pediatric and psychiatric services, and diagnostic and treatment therapy for alcoholics and the hand-



Open wide, says Sp6 William Hart of the 548th General Dispensary, 8th Army, as he examines a child in the Mo Rae Nae School Clinic in South Korea. The clinic is staffed by volunteer U.S. servicemen and both the clinic and the school are supported by the Overseas Combined Federal Campaign.

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Where are we?

The Combined Federal Campaign, which continues through October 31, is one way to give what you can as an individual and actually see ninety per cent of your donation reach and help those who need it.

The total contribution for the post, three weeks into the campaign is \$31,700. This leaves \$23,387 left to the desired goal, but with inflation hitting these agencies as hard as everyone else, and even making some of their services more necessary, a generous record breaking contribution from the Presidio would be especially appreciated.

Those who have contributed so far have done so generously. The \$31,700 current total was contributed by only 27 percent of the Presidio personnel, which averages about \$35.00 a person.

The U.S. Armed Forces Courier Station has the highest per capita donation at over \$57.00 per person.

The 504th Military Police Battalion is still way ahead for group contributions with \$22,300. Fifteen percent of the 462-member unit have yet to contribute. Last year the battalion collected \$15,938.

LTC Dana S. Kierstead, commander of the 504th, remarked on his battalion's success. "We utilize a system that has been successful for the past two years. Each year we start early with detailed planning. Key personnel in the battalion talk to each individual about the CFC program and how it helps others in need."

Where are we going?

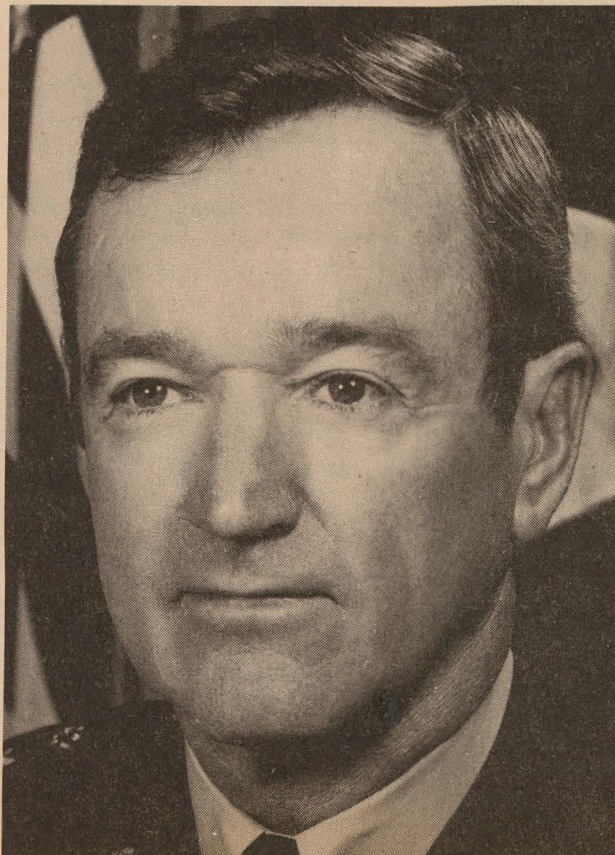
The colonel said that the battalion doesn't have a monetary goal. The real goal, he said, is for each person in the command to be informed of the CFC's work to drum up that individual's interest and concern for the CFC program. The talks are enough to persuade personnel to help, which is why the 504th is so successful in their contribution campaign.

How are we going to get there?

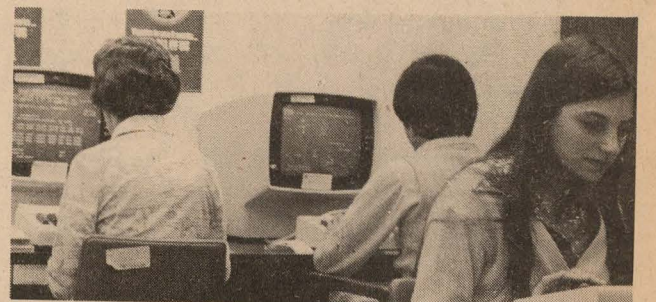
Mr. Robert Nightingale, the assistant coordinator of the campaign here on the Presidio, said that unlike many fund raising drives, less than 10% of the donations go to overhead. This is largely due to the centralization of the campaign, and the part-time non-paid status of most of the administrators.

No monetary goal has been set for this year's Presidio campaign, although there is a "desired" goal of 10 percent above last year's total of \$50,079, or \$55,087 for this year.

Mr. Nightingale said that rather than setting a monetary goal, which might put pressure on the contributors, COL Warren J. Lodge, the Army Campaign



LTG Edward N. Flanagan, Jr.



As contributions come in to the Combined Federal Campaign Headquarters at 124 Beale St., San Francisco, the money is processed and recorded into computer terminals operated by CFC staff members in the auditing department.

Coordinator for LTG Edward N. Flanagan Jr., the Army Campaign Chairman, has instead stressed the goal of "100 percent opportunity to participate," or 100 percent solicitation.

"The success of the campaign depends on the efforts of the keypeople," said Mr. Nightingale. They are the ones that actually make the personal contacts, and their enthusiasm and presentation of the campaign often determines how much a contributor is willing to give.

This year there was a training program for the keypeople, to acquaint them with the campaign. The movie, "A Day For Life," which introduces the campaign and who it helps, is available if the keypeople want to use it.

As far as how to donate, Mr. Nightingale feels that "the payroll deduction plan is the easiest and least painful way to contribute." This way you don't notice the deduction any one month, but at the end of a year, it adds up to a substantial contribution.

By the end of last year's campaign, 78 percent of the eligible employees had made donations. If the Presidio equals or betters that percent participation it will have made an outstanding contribution to the Combined Federal Campaign.

News notes

Pay raise voted

A five percent pay raise, as recommended by President Ford, was voted in Wednesday by the House of Representatives. The pay raise will go to all Federal workers, judges, officials, cabinet members, politicians and military personnel.

Inadvertently, the warrant officer pay schedules were omitted from last week's pay schedule, which listed salaries under the five percent increase.

Warrant officer pay:

Pay Grade	Under 2	2	3	4	6	8	10
W-1	594.60	681.90	681.90	738.60	771.90	805.50	838.20
W-2				794.40	838.20	884.10	917.40
	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
	872.70	905.70	939.30	972.00	1006.80		
	950.70	983.70	1018.20	1051.50	1084.80	1128.60	
W-3	1062.30	1095.90	1128.60	1163.70	1208.40	1252.50	1296.90
W-4			1330.80	1374.90	1420.80	1530.90	

Human Sexuality Courses

Almost every couple has sexual misunderstandings during the course of their relationship, according to Colonel (Dr.) Alfred L. Franger, assistant chief of the LAMC department of obstetrics and gynecology. To help people to further understand their own sexual relationships LAMC is offering a six-week course in human sexuality, starting October 9.

There will be two sessions—one in the morning, for women and one in the evening, for men and women. Registration is limited to 30 participants per session with a fee of \$8.00 each to cover administrative costs. For further information call 4718 or 4329.

Misuse of military vehicles

The FORSCOM Commander has expressed concern regarding the continuing misuse of government vehicles for personal business and has directed that corrective action be taken to discontinue such practices. All personnel utilizing the AUV assets of the Presidio of San Francisco are reminded that the use of government vehicles for travel from domicile to duty and other unofficial travel such as Post Exchanges, commissaries, clubs, bowling alleys, snack bars, theatres, and other similar On-Post and Off-Post facilities is prohibited. Violators will be issued citations by the Military Police and will be subject to disciplinary action."

In a repeat of last week's announcements, the Presidio Playhouse will open its doors with a production of "You Know I Can't Hear You When The Water's Running" by Robert Anderson. The play will run Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays (except for October 5) at 7 p.m., through October 26. The box office is open from 1-5 p.m., except Sundays, and 30 minutes before performances.

Singing auditions will be held October 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. in the Music and Theater Center. Your voice is all that you need bring.

Presidio Softball

A six-run in the 8th inning broke a deadlock with the Phils as PSF powered to a 10-4 win and clinched the C-1 division in the San Francisco Softball League.

The Tuesday night action found the Phils leading four-nothing going into the 4th. PSF managed a run in that inning, two in the 5th, and tied the score in the 6th, keeping the Phils from any more scores of their own.

Neither team scored in the 7th, pushing the game into an extra inning. PSF started their scoring with place hitting into holes, and slamming hard grounders to the infield, which caused the Phils to mishandle the ball. Headsup base stealing kept PSF players in scoring position most of that inning.

This is the second C-1 division title PSF has won this year.

The San Francisco softball championship, which pits all the division winners against each other in a single elimination tourney, will commence at a later date.

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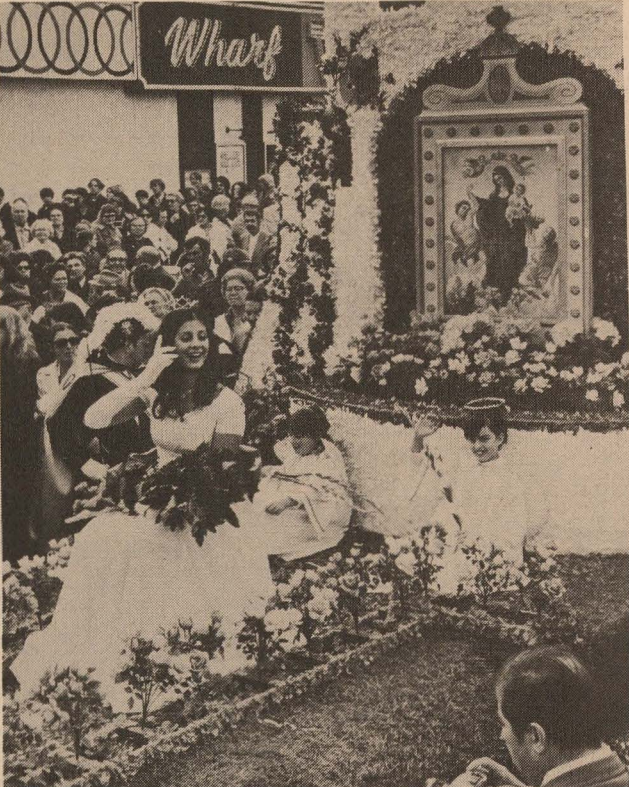


Photo courtesy of San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau

A painting of the Madonna del Lume, Patroness of fishermen, is enshrined on a flower-covered float for the annual blessing of San Francisco's fishing fleet. The procession then moves from the Church of Saints Peter and Paul to the boat basins at Fisherman's Wharf. The ritual, a carry-over from medieval Sicily, is celebrated on the first Sunday in October. The "princess" is Mimi Ravetti.

Airplane regs changed

If you plan any air travel soon you should know that a new government regulation requires all checked luggage to have identification.

According to Mardy Leaver, a United Airlines spokesman, any luggage not properly tagged with the owner's name will not be accepted for transport. The airline representative noted that the new rule is in effect for both domestic airlines and foreign airlines operating within the U.S.

Your name must be on each piece of luggage except those carried on board by the passenger. The ID can be attached by chain, string or gummed label. Or it can be covered by a plastic sheath or placed in an envelop, as long as it is on the outside of the luggage.

Post crafts

Monthly Photographic Display: You can see pictures of Hal Holbrook's performance "Mark Twain Tonight", on display at the Post Crafts Shop Photo Lab through October. The pictures were taken by David Black at the Paramount Theater in Oakland.

A Pre-Columbian Art Exhibit is now on display in the Main Entrance of the Post Crafts Shop. The sculpture and pottery pieces were found in the mountains of northern Panama and southern Costa Rica. Exhibit through October also includes Ethiopian basketry by Mulu Ingram.

Music and Theater short notes

You can be a general, a colonel, a private or almost any rank in between, at least temporarily, if you try out for the Presidio Players' production of the "The Andersonville Trial." Tryouts will be held October 6-7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Presidio Playhouse, across from the post theater.

This famous play is based on the history-making trial which took place in Washington, D.C. This famous play is based on the history-making trial which took place in Washington, D.C. in the summer of 1865. The all-male cast of 28 needs a wide variety of types and ages for actors. Previous acting experiences not necessary.

City lights

By Carol Cronin

Friday, 3rd, Sing-along and free buffet at San Francisco USO, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, 5th, Photo Day, Sigmund Stern Grove, 19th Avenue and Sloat Blvd., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Models provided, exhibits and equipment will be on display for anyone interested in photography.

The blessing of the fishing fleet will begin at 2 p.m. with a procession starting at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 666 Filbert St., and going to Fisherman's Wharf. Entertainment follows.

Friday is family fun day at the recreation center, 2 -

RAMBLIN' SAM

Do you think the Chain of Command is effective in solving problems?

1Lt. Robert Myer, Biochemist:

"Because of the generation gap between a young enlisted person and his or her first sergeant, it would be difficult for them to see eye to eye on a problem. The young enlisted may wish just to bypass him and go directly to a higher source. If the chain is to work, all ages and ranks should be sensitive to each other which in turn will mean more trust among the different age and rank brackets. When I get involved I do my best to talk with the person and try to resolve it there. I'll make sure I get that person to someone who can help quickly, if I can't. Understanding people is a key virtue in problem handling."



Sp4 Trudy Smith, Medical Supply, Ft. Baker:

"I don't think it works well. Mainly because a person having to keep pushing the problem up the chain just gets frustrated with the time involved."



SSG Bob Nere, Department of Pathology:

"It could be utilized better by the people who are a part of the Chain of Command. For instance, if a problem can't be handled at a lower level, say by a person's immediate supervisor, and the problem is taken further up until solved the results of the problem and how it was solved should be passed down the line. This way if a similar problem comes up in the future, the person next on the chain should be able to handle it without going back up the ladder."



Sp5 Dona Seay, LAIR: "I think it is very effective. Not going through the chain sometimes causes hard feelings to those in an immediate supervisory category who may have been able to help, and just more problems for those higher up when the help could have been given further down the chain. Being a unit clerk I've seen the Chain of Command, when properly used, as an instrumental problem-solving tool."



PFC Ted Porch, Medical Supply, Ft. Baker:

"I've been lucky not having to go up the chain of command. If a small matter comes up I can speak to my supervisor and it usually gets solved then and there. I guess that's using the "chain" at the first "link."



COURTESY

Don't contribute. . .to fire or pollution.

10 p.m. Refreshments will be provided, and there will be a Kung Fu demonstration at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, 8th. As part of the city's Columbus celebrations, Mayor Alioto will oversee the "Crowning of Queen Isabella" in the Rotunda of the City Hall at noon.

"Good Ole Persons" a popular female bluegrass group, plus Paul Shelasky, California State Fiddling Champ, will perform at the Exploratorium at 8 p.m. for 25 cents. Performance includes the rare, 100-string hammer dulcimer.

FOCUS

By A. C. Reyes

No doubt you have seen those gorgeous, spectacular photographs of sunsets, where the sun is a red, giant fireball in the sky, but yet all the other images in the photo look normal sized. If you happen to have a tele lens (135-200mm), put it on your camera. Load up with the film of your choice, slide or prints, and using a felt-tip pen, make a mark on the film leader, this will serve as a point of reference later on. Close the camera, advance the film and snap the shutter twice. Now you are ready.

DON'T shoot the sun while directly overhead, you may do permanent damage to your eyes. Wait until just prior to sunset, the cloud formations will add interest. Now, make three exposures, placing the sun in the upper left of the frame. Next three frames, place it in the upper right.

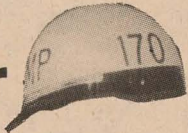
Now turn the camera vertically, and shoot three more frames, again, upper left, followed by three more in the upper right. Take notes, so you'll remember where the sun is, by frame number.

Go thru the entire roll, and rewind the film back slowly. Very slowly. As soon as the tension is gone from the rewinding lever, stop. You don't want the leader to go into the cassette.

Open your camera back, and using the mark previously made, load up the film again (the same film) take the telephoto lens off, and put your normal lens on. Going back to your notes to help remember your sun placement, find some scenes which appeal to you and shoot. Remember you have three frames of each.

Here's some ideas. A flock of seagulls, a silhouette of your favorite girl, (for you girl photogs, your favorite man) that perennial favorite, the bridge, or anything that strikes your fancy. On getting your film back, you'll have some genuinely striking shots you'll be proud to show.

The blotter



CRIME PREVENTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS, and requires the attention of all officers, NCO's, as well as the individual's awareness, and cooperation. The individual, often the victim of the crime, is in the best position to eliminate a majority of the crime-conductive conditions. Check yourself out, how crime safe are YOU?

1. Do you purchase good quality locks to secure your valuables? It's false economy to secure a \$300 stereo with a \$.98 lock.
2. Do you keep a list of your valuables which include serial numbers and brand names?
3. Do you record all credit cards by number, to include the name and address of the companies to insure prompt notification in case of theft?
4. Do you protect your money by placing your reserve in a bank account where it will draw interest?
5. Do you report strangers or suspicious activity in the barracks to the CQ, first Sergeant or commanding officer? Be especially alert if the stranger is not wearing a name tag, rank insignia, or unit patch, on his uniform.

No one really expects to become a victim of crime, but it could happen to anyone, at any time, and that includes YOU.

We always hope that in today's Army with all its benefits, both material and educational, that we would not be burdened with the demoralizing scum known as the barracks thief. Don't bet on it.

USO grateful for Big Bill Frey

Has Santa Claus really moved his workshop from the North Pole to a garden on Clement Street? You'd have a hard time convincing the staff of the San Francisco USO otherwise.

They, and frequenters of the USO, have recently been enjoying the generous support of Bill Frey, a restaurateur who owns Bill's Place, a popular hamburger shop on Clement Street.

For the past few weeks, Bill has been providing free home cooked dinners on Friday nights at 6 p.m. The dinners are informal buffets including such favorites as potato salad, fresh fruits, home made pie a la mode, and of course roast beef, ham, or some other meat as a main dish.

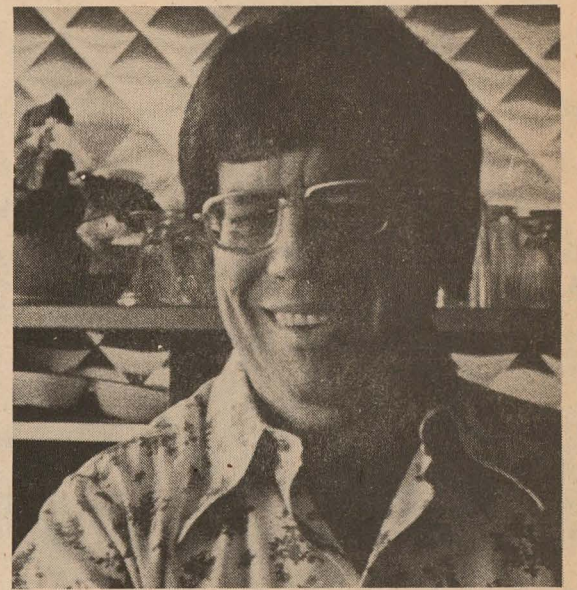
Bill and the staff at the USO hope to enlarge their program to make better use of the facilities if they receive an interested response to the present programs.

Bill's interest in the USO stems largely from his experience as program director of several USO's for about seven years starting in 1940. He says of these years, "The attitude toward military personnel was much better then, and the communities cooperated enthusiastically with the USO."

On the weekends at his first club in Paso Robles, California, near Santa Barbara, they transported in 100 girls from Los Angeles and San Francisco for the parties held for the soldiers.

"Our club in Olympia Washington was open 24 hours a day," he remembers. Different businesses of the area sponsored free breakfasts and dinners most days which served anywhere from 800 to 1000 military personnel.

Bill also reflects that, "Most of the people in Bend, Oregon probably didn't know that there was an Italian prisoner of war camp, handling several hundred men, near their city."



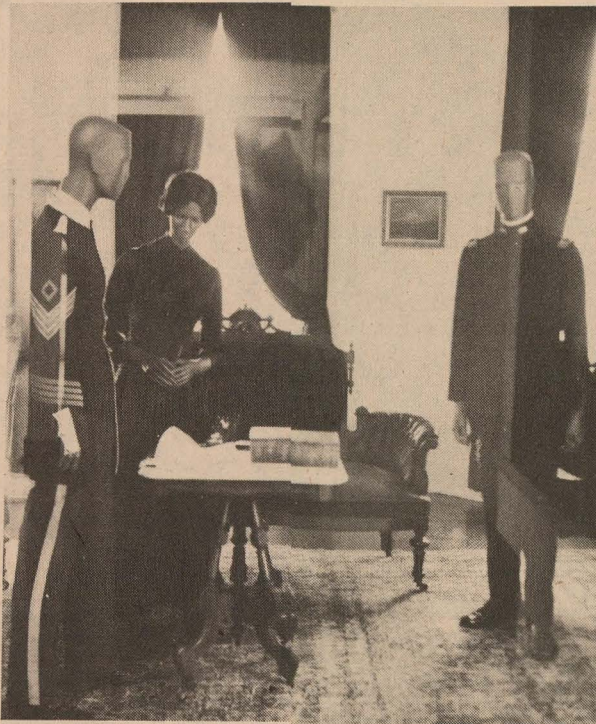
Bill Frey

The USO, in addition to providing programs for American soldiers, would occasionally provide entertainment for these prisoners, whom Bill found good natured and very appreciative of their efforts.

Although Bill hasn't been employed by the USO for more than 25 years, he has remained supportive of it, both financially and with his time, for most of those years. During this period, as he says, "The concept of the USO changed from a 'home away from home' that the community was instrumental in providing, to a club whose main support and direction must be provided by interested volunteers and members of the military if it is going to continue."

Bill is an exception to the present general lack of community financial support. Most of the USO's maintenance comes from the United Fund, and doesn't leave much room for such programs as Bill is making possible. He is willing to provide financial support for the club, but only if the military participants are interested enough to help carry out the programs.

Museum Black Soldier exhibit



A ceremonial wedding during the 19th century, part of the post museum's Allensworth display, which is being loaned to the Oakland museum.

Photo by C.D. Steen

When the Oakland Museum opens its special display October 6 entitled "Blacks In The Westward Movement", a large part of that display will be from the Presidio.

The Presidio Museum will make available a variety of items for the special exhibit ranging from military uniforms, equipment, arms and armor to cavalry tack and artifacts from the Colonel Allensworth display.

Items depicting the Black "Buffalo Soldier" of the 9th and 10th Cavalry units will make up a large part of the consignment being loaned by the Presidio to the Oakland Museum.

Included will be battle uniforms, work uniforms, campaign dress of the 1875 period, color guard uniforms of the 1885 period, regimental insignias from the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments and original and copy documents of orders of creation and assignment of units and mission.

Also included will be photographs of the soldier of that period, the McClellan military saddle with insignia, the Springfield Carbine (1873 - 45 - 70), the Army Colt 45 cal. from 1873, the Indian campaign medal authorized in 1905 and the full dress uniform of the 1875 - 1885 era.

A number of uniforms, items of equipment, memorabilia, photographs, documents, and drawings depicting the Black Infantry in the Spanish - American War and the Charge on San Juan Hill will also be part of the exhibit.

A significant section of the display portraying the Black Soldier in the West will deal with Colonel Allensworth and the 24th Regiment. Many of the items contained in this section were unveiled at the Presidio during the dedication of the Allensworth display, July 29th of this year, in connection with the celebration of the Chaplain Corps' Birthday.

Colonel Allensworth was the highest ranking Black chaplain at that time, having first served as an enlisted man.

In addition to loaning items to the Oakland Museum, members of the Presidio Museum staff have been assisting the Oakland staff in authenticating and identifying a number of items of weaponry such as Spanish arms and armor (the short Flintlock Musket), the Flintlock pistols and some lance heads and swords.

The special "Blacks in the Westward Movement" display will be open to the public from October 6 through November 10 at the Oakland Museum.



Photo by C.D. Steen

The Presidio military police, as a part of the general Army effort to conserve energy, will begin using smaller vehicles. They have recently acquired five, six-cylinder Ford Mavericks. According to Lieutenant Paul F. Benoit, commanding the 163d MP Detachment, the smaller cars suit the Presidio well, since there are no long straight roads where the MPs would need pursuit vehicles. He added that the Mavericks saved gas and were big enough to allow passengers in the back.

Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 6 - 11

Learn not to burn



Picture Chicago in flames, October 9, 1887. Such was the horror of that blaze that the week containing October 9 was declared "Fire Prevention Week".

The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Learn not to burn". To get this point across to the Presidio, post firefighters will conduct inspections, classes and on the 11th, have an open house in the firehouse from 1-5 p.m.

Assistant Fire Chief William J. Williams, Jr., gave the STAR PRESIDIAN some hints on how to avoid being one of the 1000 people killed monthly in the U.S. by fire:

—Don't run electric wires under the rug. People walking on them will soon break them and the electricity will cause a fire.

—Plan in advance how your family would escape if fire blocked your doors. Also agree to meet outside at one spot, so you'll know someone isn't still trapped.

—Phone the fire dept. **after** you get to a safe place. Dial "O" if you don't know the number.

—If you're in a fire and it's hard to breathe, crawl! You'll stay below the worst smoke and gasses and you'll have a better chance to get out.

—Don't keep cookies or other treats over the stove. They could lure your children over the burners.

—If your clothes ever catch fire, drop down and roll. Rolling will squash the fire and help save your skin.

—Most burn victims who fell asleep while smoking in bed were absolutely certain they would not fall asleep while smoking in bed.

Give your fair share

CFC money aids you and your neighbor

Photos courtesy of the Bay Area Crusade, Kay Tsuruta and Judy Vaughn.



Keeping a child smiling and happy is all part of the San Mateo Children's Health Home, the only private nonprofit organization in the county. The Bay Area CFC helps keep the program going.

Support

Health & Welfare Services

thru payroll deduction

The Salvation Army, which receives CFC funds, has many services in the Bay Area—from live-in programs for unmarried mothers to many forms of humanitarian and emergency assistance.



The Combined Federal Campaign helps two hundred separate service agencies. United Way of the Bay Area receives 78 percent of all CFC contributions, so most of the money will be put to use in local agencies.

Included in United Way funding are thirty-one day care centers in the Bay Area, providing care for 1,400 young children and infants. These are primarily the children of single working parents. Their day includes a hot lunch, group activities, and individualized attention from trained professionals.

Various agencies, in addition to using funds for research, provide free health care and public education for the detection and prevention of audio-visual problems.

Rehabilitation centers offer therapy and vocational training for mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed, and physically handicapped persons. Some of these specialize in therapy for pre-schoolers to give them a head start in overcoming their handicap.

Many community centers provide programs for health, education, child care, recreational and cultural activities for all ages, and counseling, tutoring, and employment services for youths.

Legal aid societies provide legal advice and representation in civil cases for those unable to afford an attorney.

In addition the National Health Agencies with CFC funding continue research to find cures for cancer, diabetes, arthritis, cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, and kidney disease.

International Service Agencies such as Care, Project Hope, and the American Kor-Asian Foundation provide the materials and education for self-help programs. Project Hope recently started a new medical education program in Egypt, which will benefit many of the countries in the Middle East. The American Kor-Asian Foundation has expanded to help the Philippines in addition to Korea and Vietnam. Their policy is to provide help where the need is greatest, and the results are far-reaching.

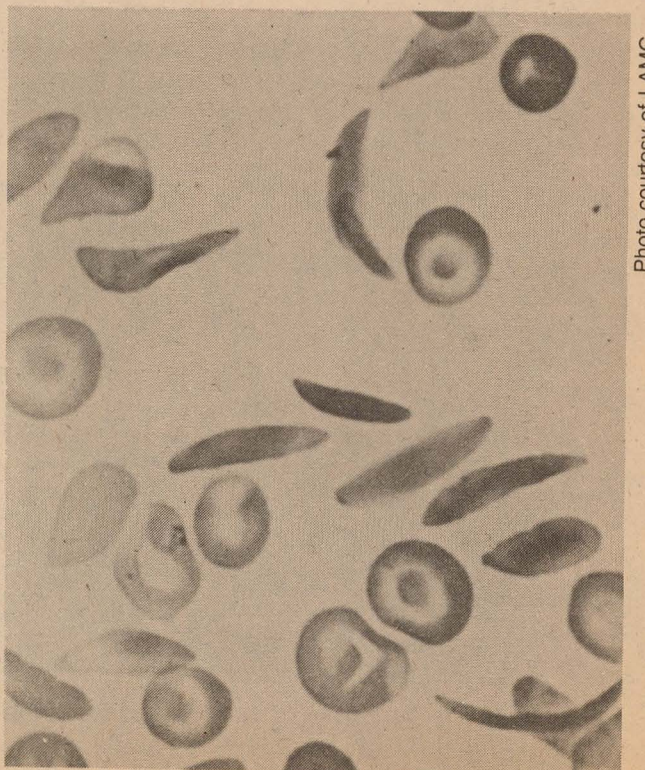
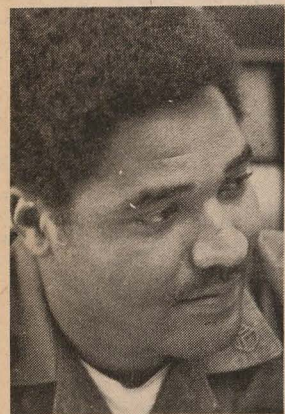


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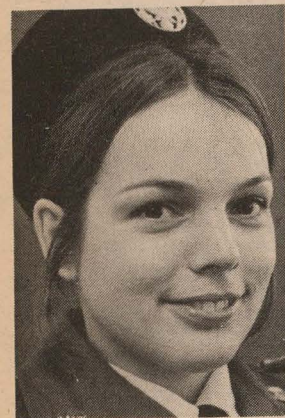
Sickle cell anemia research and education is one of the activities which CFC donations help fund.

RAMBLIN' SAM

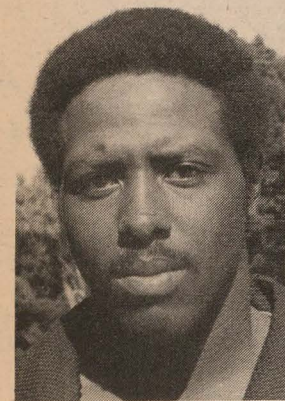
What are your feelings on the discontinuance of education benefits in the G.I. Bill?



SSG Arthur Clayton: "The education part of the Bill is one incentive for getting people to join the service. Take it away, and people may think twice before coming in."



Sp4 Christina Delgado: "A higher education is a necessity in order to get ahead. The service is a good way to insure at least a chance for a better education right now. But it will make it more difficult, because of the expense, for people to go if there no longer is a G.I. Bill to help finance one's tuition."



Sp4 James Wade: "The lower enlisted men and women will suffer the most. The G.I. Bill helps these persons get started when discharged from the service and a higher education is a big plus. Now that it's discontinued for those enlisting in 1976, they'll have to foot their own bill should they choose to go back to school."



Sp4 Doris Moore: "I don't think it's a good idea to take any G.I. Bill benefit away. People coming into the Army in the future will be serving the same way as people are serving now, so why should they not benefit too?"

News notes

MILITARY UNIFORM CHANGEOVER:

Changeover from summer to winter uniform is effective as indicated below:

Ft. Baker2d Mon in Oct
Camp ParksLast Mon in Oct
Rio Vista1st Mon in Nov
Oakland Metropolitan Area2d Mon in Oct
San Francisco Metropolitan Area 1st Mon in Nov

PX HOURS, MONDAY COLUMBUS DAY, OCT 13, 1975:

The following post exchange activities will be open Monday, Oct. 13, 1975:
Main Store — Bldg. 60512 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Branch #3 — Bldg. 60912 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Letterman Hosp. — Bldg. 1100 . 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Main Service Sta. — Bldg. 231 .11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Main Cafeteria — Bldg. 21110 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(Take out service only)
All other exchange activities will be closed.

"Psychological house cleaning" is just another name for **meditation**. Once again ADAP Counseling Services is sponsoring the finest psycho-spiritual development crash course on the Presidio. Learn how to relax, cope and find a practical, creative tranquility which will enable you to return to the job with renewed outlook and energy. Join LAMC Deputy Chaplain Robinson as he guides the Friday Brown Bag lunch bunch in another exciting meditational adventure at the Rap Center, Bldg. 201 (across from the Post Dry Cleaner) on Friday, Oct. 10, 1975 at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Coffee, tea, Sanka and Hot Chocolate served. All welcome! For more information call Mr. Phillips at 2663/3784.

Lake Tahoe — Relax

Relaxation will be the theme for the weekend of October 17, 18, 19. The Lake Tahoe trip is sponsored by the Central YMCA. It includes good food, lodging at a very plush cabin near Tahoe woods, and all transportation, even to and from the Casinos. For further information call Greg at 885-0460.

Presidians aid refugees

While the heat and humidity of Arkansas must seem comparable to that of Vietnam, it's tough weather in which to do Preventive Medicine for thousands of Vietnamese refugees.

However, since July of this year, personnel from the Presidio's 227th Medical Detachment have joined with other military units at Fort Chaffee to assist in the monitoring, billeting and basic hygiene of approximately 45,000 refugees to date. So far, about 25,000 of these have been processed through Fort Chaffee.

The management of this many people is a demanding, time consuming job. Preventive Medicine is just one part of an entire support which includes daily inspections of approximately 280 barracks and 30 mess halls to insure hygienic and sanitary conditions.

Additional facilities which require daily monitoring include 3 snack bars, several child care centers and 5 area dispensaries staffed with Vietnamese physicians and medical personnel under the supervision of Army personnel.

While the hours are long and the weather varies from days of rain to 100 degree heat, personnel from the 227th Medical Detachment are receiving unparalleled training in their MOS of Preventive Medicine.

Local #1457 Moves to New Home

Saturday, Local #1457, American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE), moved into their newly decorated offices in Bldg. 639 from their former location, Bldg. 254.

Mr. Clyde Webber, the National President of AFGE, cut the ribbon making the new quarters the official home of the Presidio's Local #1457.

Among other union officials attending the ceremony were Harold E. McLeod, National Vice President; Curtis Turner, National Representative and Mr. Walter F. Peters, Jr., President of Local #1457.

An open house of the new facility is being planned for the near future. The date will be announced later.

Play tackles human foibles

".....When the Water's Running," brisk and thought-provoking.

The new Presidio Playhouse inaugurated their theater in the round last Friday night with a brisk rendition of "You Know I Can't Hear You With the Water Running," by Robert Anderson. The production is really a cluster of four one-acts tied together by the theme of human sexuality or the absence of same. Providing something for everyone, the playlets alternately poke mild fun at male egoism, feminine foibles, sex itself, and, finally, postludes with a poignant statement on the true worth of the eternal struggle between man and woman.

Some twenty years ago the play might have been considered too risqué, which would be a great shame, as the messages in the superficially unconnected acts do blend together a story of human existence itself.

Watch for John Kazero as the producer in "The Shock of Recognition," as he luxuriates in the fun and business of debating male nudity with his feisty

playwright, played as indignation personified by Thom Santiago.

The second sketch, "The Footsteps of Doves," is well cast and acted by all concerned, and is perhaps the funniest of the four from the male viewpoint dealing with a husband's efforts to avoid commuting between twin beds at night.

The depth of the production begins to sink in with "I'll Be Home for Xmas," in which two parents learn to their shock that while they are quibbling over details of their offsprings' sex lives, the children are making much greater decisions concerning their whole lives. Watch particularly for Toni Brown as the wife.

The last act resolves all, and despite the humor should leave you thoughtful if not sad. Past playhouse patrons will be impressed with the new production facilities. The current square stage configuration is only one of many possible in the new building. For a happy/sad evening consider the new Presidio Playhouse's new show.

COURTESY

Playing loud music after 11 p.m. is an insult to neighbors and roommates.

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Action line

Q. Why is the Veterinarian only open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and does not have any weekend hours of operation? My cat had a problem over the weekend and I had duty on Monday so I can't bring my cat to the clinic until Wednesday.

A. The primary mission of a veterinarian in the United States Army is food inspection and veterinary public health. The care of dependent animals is not a requirement and is provided as a benefit as time permits. Currently the hours allowed and provided are between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. These hours are under constant review due to the changing demands of the primary mission and are subject to change necessitated by the primary mission and as dictated by Health Services Command.

Capt. Kenneth E. Genova
Post Veterinarian

Editor's Note: The name and telephone number of the person submitting the above action line was not on the recorded message. If that person would like more information regarding his action line, call 561-2005 or 3908.

car pool

"Riders/drivers wanted. From Albany/North Berkeley area to PSFC. Contact Howard Hein, ext. 2241 (days), 524-3280 (eves)."

Two drivers needed to join existing carpool from Petaluma to PSF. Drive once a week. Mr. Schell 3287/4244 days, 762-3362 evenings and weekends.

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GI BILL EDUCATION BENEFITS ??



After Dec. 31, 1975

GI school bennies out

The end of U.S. involvement in Vietnam also spells the end of GI Bill educational benefits. The House of Representatives voted Monday to kill GI education benefits for military members who enlist after December 31, 1975.

Veterans' home loan benefits, on the other hand, have been spared the axe. These benefits will be extended to military personnel enlisting after December 31.

The cut-off measure was passed by a vote of 298 to 106 and sent to the Senate where it will be considered and voted on before becoming law. It was drafted after President Ford officially declared an end to the Vietnam War on May 7, 1975. The education benefits originally were enacted after World War II and were continued for Korean and Vietnam vets.

Provisions of the bill (H.R. 9576) include:

- Ending education benefits entitlement for persons entering service after Dec. 31, 1975
- Extending the education benefit period from 36 to 45 months
- Ending all education benefits on Dec. 31, 1987
- Ending the Predischage Education Program (PREP) on the date the bill is enacted. Persons already enrolled in PREP courses on that date will be allowed to complete them.
- Continuing the GI home loan guaranty for all eligible veterans, including those entering service after Dec. 31, 1975.

This legislative package has been expected since President Ford proclaimed May 7, 1975 as the end of

the Vietnam Era and called for the end of most GI Bill benefits. Since WW II, Congress has traditionally closed benefit eligibility shortly after major conflicts.

Soldiers should bear in mind that the bill is not yet law and is subject to the usual changes and delays that may affect any piece of legislation.

However, should the bill become law in its present form, career soldiers with less than eight years service as of Dec. 31, 1975 will not be able to use their entitlements during retirement. All benefits would have to be used before the Dec. 31, 1987 cutoff date.

The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee GI Bill hearings are scheduled later this month. (ANF)

How The House Veterans Affairs Committee Proposes To End GI Bill Education Benefits 1987 — Dec. 31—Proposed end of all GI Bill education benefits

1983 — Jan. 1—Five years left for vets who plan to attend college in normal semester fashion for full 45-month eligibility.*

1975 — Dec. 31—Proposed end of GI Bill education benefits eligibility for incoming soldiers.

1975 — May 7—End of VN era proclaimed; President asks Congress to end GI Bill.

*Current GI Bill provides benefits 10 years from last discharge in which to use 36 months of education benefits (45 months allowed if needed to complete undergraduate work).

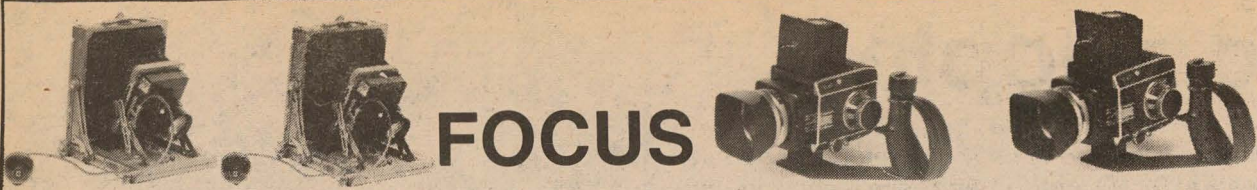
Editor's note: Mr. Frank Wiksten, the Presidio Education Director says that even in the event the bill passes in its present form, he "doesn't foresee any

major change in the current education program. Those now in the military would retain benefits until 1987, so the effects would be delayed. However, in the long run, the program would have to be restructured."

Mr. Wiksten also mentioned that many of the enlisted people his office deals with have commented that G.I. Bill educational benefits were a major consideration in their decision to join the Army. Therefore he anticipates a probable drop in enlistment if the bill is passed.

Extra time for IDs

By regulation, all active military personnel should have had the new Geneva convention military identification card by Oct. 1, 1975 (just passed) to gain entrance to post facilities such as commissary, post exchange, theatre, etc. However, some service members have been on travel status or have otherwise been unable to obtain the new cards. All Presidio facilities requiring military ID cards have been instructed to give such service members until Nov. 1, 1975 to obtain the new cards. At that time all active duty military personnel will be required to have the new IDs. If active duty personnel have not renewed their ID card by the new suspense date, entry to the facilities will be denied until the new card is acquired and such persons will be asked to surrender their old ID card.



FOCUS

By A. C. Reyes

Soft Focus Portraiture—Some means to achieve it.

Those soft, ethereal, full of mood and emotion portraits are among the photographer's most desired shots. While some very fine soft focus lenses are specially made for this purpose, their price alone is enough to make you forget the whole thing. Still, you really don't have to lay out megabucks. All you really need is a short tele (85 to 135mm range) or you can even use your normal lens for a ¾ portrait.

The other item you will be needing is a skylight filter, although a haze filter or UV filter will work just as well. The 81A filter also can be used, and the slight warming effect this filter gives to color shots is an added bonus.

Using a Q tip, small comb, toothpick or even your fingers, dab some vaseline on your filter. Now comes the important part. Be sure and leave an oval shaped area in the center with a very light coat of vaseline. In other words, very little, almost no vaseline in the center, and increasingly heavier toward the edges of the filter. Also make sure that the vaseline is applied in one direction only.

Another alternative is to use fingernail polish to the outer edges of the filter, leaving a clear area about

the size of a dime in the center. Another way is by focusing, and then without either the sitter or you changing your position, breathe on your lens surface gently. Look thru your viewfinder and when the effect that you want appears, shoot. (This applies to single lease reflex cameras).

Another, not-so-well-known, technique is to use murine eye drops directly on the filter. My own favorite is to use two starfilters in tandem, and shooting wide open. Sometimes I also introduce a plain wire screen, (the kind used to keep insects out) sprayed flat black, in front of the lens. A drop in filter holder comes in handy here. How do you remove the vaseline from your filter? Oh, yes, some cotton moistened in alcohol will work fine. Happy Shooting.

Tell you what: Use **Plus X** B & W film, use the techniques described above, and send the Star Presidian your best shot, printed on glossy paper. Space permitting, the editor will run it. Full technical data must accompany it. It must not be larger than 5" x 7", must be in black and white, and yes, you must have your subject's permission. Also, include a self-addressed, stamped envelop with cardboard for mailing.

Army tries "Flexitime"

The Army has given the nod to experiment on a limited basis with flexible work schedules.

DA authorized major commands to adopt a similar program. The first test of flexitime, which is still in progress, began at Sacramento Army Depot, Calif. The idea has spread to other Army activities.

Flexible working hours apparently agree with most employees and supervisors. They can arrange working hours to fit their schedules better. It allows employees to pursue evening classes, community activities, shopping, family recreation or other interests. Traffic congestion also is reduced by staggered work hours.

Here's how flexitime now works. Employees fill out proposed work schedules a week ahead of time and submit them to their supervisors for approval. If workers arrive late to work, time can be made up that day. However, hours cannot be carried over to the next day.

The work day is composed of flexible time and a core work period. The core period might be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the flexible time built before or after the core period. Lunch periods can also vary.

A Civil Service Commission proposal would expand on flexitime programs now underway. The proposal would also test compressed work schedules, the most common form a four-day, 40 hour week. The CSC proposal also would allow carryover of hours worked. For example, if an employee worked nine hours one day, the following work day could be only seven hours. (ANF)

Presidians at display

Photographers' day in the sun

Photos by C. D. Steen



A professional model poses for the several hundred camera buffs attending Photography Day.

The Photography Center of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department held their annual Photography Day at Stern Grove, Sunday, and the Presidio took part in some of the festivities.

The purpose of Photography Day was to present interesting activities, colorful exhibits and programs, and to give the amateur photo buffs a chance to display some of their best picture creations for

all to see.

The Presidio's contribution was the modeling of period military and women's costumes dating from colonial times to WW II. Also, the Presidio museum displayed old photos of early Presidio, and C. D. Steen of the Post Information Office presented some of his work.

Since part of the program was to help the amateur photographer utilize his

talent, the Park and Recreation Department hired professional models and even a Middle East belly-dancing troupe as subjects and let the lens enthusiasts shoot away during most of the six hour exhibit. Jim Hager, a noted photographer, was there to explain portrait techniques and how to photograph the models who posed for the hundreds of photographers in attendance.



This photographic display by C. D. Steen was one of several by local amateur photographers at Stern Grove.

SPORT SHORTS

The flag football standings as of Monday, October 6, were:

Presidio League

	Wins	Losses
LA		
LAMC #1	5	0
170 MP	3	2
USAG	2	3
402d MP	2	3
Oakland A.R. Base	2	3

LAIR

Ft. Scott league

	Wins	Losses
Dist Corps of Engrs.	4	0
LAMC #2	4	0
HHd 504th MP Bn.	2	2
864th Engrs.	2	2
USA Reference Lab	0	4
Western Region Recruiting Commnd	0	4

People who need people

One of the noblest ways of spending time is in helping others and at least three Presidio employees have given outstanding support to several service organizations.

Major Claude R. Henderson, A Finance and Accounting Officer here at the Presidio until June 30, 1975 received the Federal Employee Distinguished Service Award in September. The award was for his work with deaf adults and children.

He has worked as a junior high school teacher's aide for deaf students, an interpreter at Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and church services, and has found government employment for deaf adults.

Mary P. Pavlison, Audio-Visual Section, does a lot of visiting on her off-duty hours, but not necessarily for pleasure. As a member of an organization called Marian Visitors, she visits convalescent homes, hospitals and rest homes in the Mill Valley area to provide companionship to the aged and handicapped. She also visits and does errands for homebound people that she finds out about through the Catholic Social Services.

She provides transportation for these people when they have appointments, shopping, or need a ride to the monthly outings that the social service organizes. These outings, which are geared to the handicapped, usually include a religious service, lunch, and entertainment.

In addition, Ms. Pavlison is involved in the Hospitality House program which has been in existence for

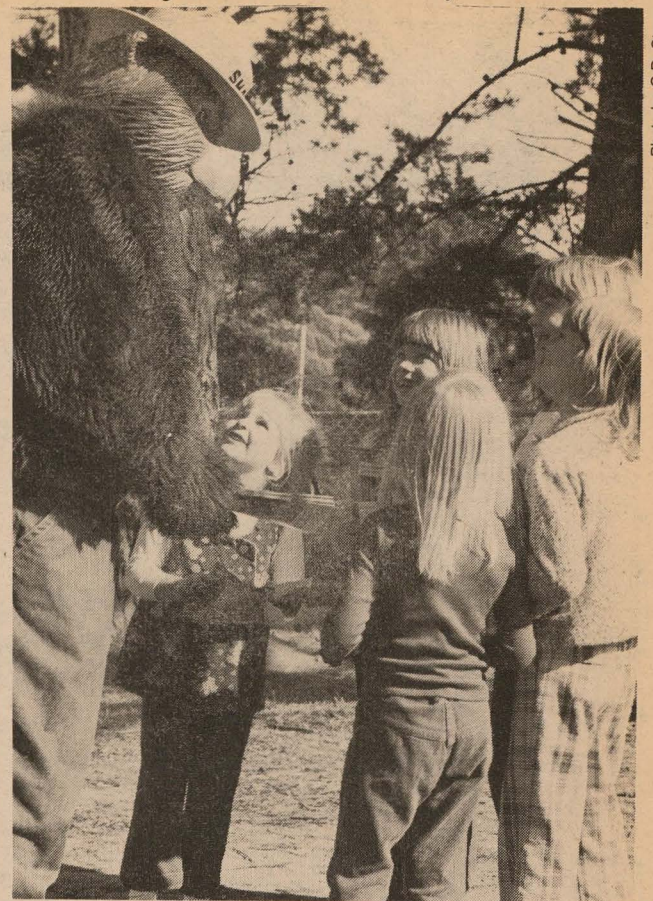
about three years. A house has been set up outside the gate at San Quentin to provide refreshments and a place to relax for prisoner's families waiting to get in to visit, or inmates just getting out and waiting for rides, or confused at the sudden freedom.

Ms. Pavlison provides transportation from downtown to the prison, and provides lodging for some families of prisoners who live so far that they want to stay a few days. "Some wives have been so grateful that they've insisted on cooking meals to show their gratitude," says Ms. Pavlison. "I've eaten some very good meals as a result."

Mr. Kenichi French, a Manpower Analyst here on the Presidio, has been serving as a chairman of the Jefferson Elementary School District Citizens Advisory Committee, in Daly City, concerning the Federal School Grant, for two years.

The committee was instrumental in obtaining an approximately three quarter million dollar grant both years to carry out a program to "reduce minority isolation." This includes desegregation programs, remedial reading programs for students with language problems, and multi-cultural awareness classes, to emphasize the equal value of one's own heritage, as compared to other's.

When asked why he took on the responsibility, Mr. French remarked that, "Being a member of the minority involved, I'm especially aware of the necessity to equalize educational opportunities for everyone in the district."



"Smokey the Bear" made an appearance on the Presidio, Tuesday, but he wasn't here to put out any fires—he was here to remind people not to start them. Emphasizing Fire Prevention Week, which runs until tomorrow, Smokey toured different housing areas and facilities on post, courtesy of the Presidio Fire Department. His message to people was "be careful with fire." Children were especially delighted to see him for Smokey presented the many children he saw with Smokey the Bear comic books.

City lights

By Carol Cronin

Friday, 10th Have you seen the silver dragon being carried through the streets of Chinatown by dozens of enthusiastic young men? The electrified dragon brings up the rear of the Chinese Double Ten Celebration, which marks the anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China, October 10, 1911. The dragon follows a parade of authentically costumed marchers, musical units, beauty queens and community leaders, which starts at 7 p.m. from Stockton Street at Clay.

Saturday, 11th Columbus Day Celebration includes remarks and ceremonies by civic leaders at the Columbus statue in Coit Tower Plaza on Telegraph Hill.

Music is the theme at the Western Bicentennial Folk Festival being held Saturday through Monday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., on the Parade Grounds of Fort Barry. The festival is introducing Fort Barry as a new area in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. There will be both local and out-of-town group entertainment in addition to afternoon workshops. Muni #32 bus will provide service from San Francisco to the festival.

Sunday, 12th If you love a parade, show up at 1 p.m. today at Washington Square or anywhere else along the route between Civic Center and North Beach. You'll be able to soak in 2½ hours of floats, colors, and characters.

Monday, 13th For those who missed Columbus' first landing, a pageant reenacting the event, complete with Queen Isabella awaiting his arrival, will occur at Aquatic Park at noon.

Tuesday, 14th The San Francisco Twin Bicentennial Mammoth Birthday Cake is on display through December. The 30 foot tall, 35,000 pound creation is decorated with icing sculptures depicting events and people from San Francisco's past, and is crowned with 200 illuminated candles. The cake is on view in the rotunda of the Emporium on Market Street opposite Powell.

Wednesday, 15th Jack Lemmon, Jane Fonda, and Michael Caine are just a few of the celebrities that will be on hand for the 19th Annual San Francisco International Film Festival. Non-competitive international feature films will be shown each evening at 7 and 9:30 p.m. for \$4.00 each, except for opening night, which is \$10.00. In Person Tributes will occur most afternoons at 1 p.m. for \$3.00, with personal appearances by those honored. A complete schedule for the Festival, lasting through October 26, is listed in the city newspapers, or phone 928-8333.

Thursday, 16th The San Francisco Fall Antiques Show and Sale continues Thursday through October 19. The show is being held in the new Exhibition Center of the Merchandise Mart, on 10th Street at Market. It's open 1 to 10 p.m. daily, but closes at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

CFC update



Red Cross volunteer Kathy Stauffer challenges Sergeant Danny Diggs, a patient at Letterman General Hospital, to a game of cribbage. The Red Cross is another Combined Federal Campaign recipient that involves itself in helping people in need. Contributions by Presidio personnel so far have reached \$38,200. The Presidio Red Cross

has highest per capita with \$130 per person, with 100% giving. The 504th MP Battalion has contributed \$22,769, and the 402nd MP Company contributed \$14,338 making it the highest single unit to give so far. The Presidio as a whole has a 38.7% contribution rate to date.

The blotter



From Military Police Investigations

GUN CONTROL is a topic which generates a great deal of controversy for and against. However there is little argument in this area when there is a needless injury or loss of life, which is attributed to either the careless handling or storage of weapons and ammunition.

Personnel residing on the Presidio and Satellite posts are reminded that all privately owned weapons will be registered with the Provost Marshal's Office.

1. Personnel that reside in billets are required to maintain privately owned weapons in the unit arms room.

2. Personnel that reside in military quarters are required to have their commander's authorization to keep privately owned weapons in their quarters.

3. Military Personnel that reside off the installation are encouraged to register their weapons with the

Provost Marshal's Office.

The regulations mentioned above are only as effective as the people that abide by them. Here are a few tips which may help to prevent a personal tragedy.

1. If you have a gun at home, provide a container where you can keep it locked up, and maintain the keys on your person.

2. Make sure the weapons are registered at the Provost Marshal's Office.

3. If your weapon is stolen, report the theft to the Military Police immediately.

4. If you sell a weapon while at the Presidio, notify the Provost Marshal's Office registration branch within 72 hours.

Do your part in denying the criminal element the use of your weapons, and let's hope that "Sportsman's Custom Made" doesn't cause you a lifetime of regrets.

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Post holds Drug Prevention Week

A person who has self-esteem does not abuse drugs. This is the theme of 1975's National Drug Abuse Prevention Week, October 20-25.

Building self-esteem as a key in fighting drug abuse is a relatively new concept for the Army, which, in recent years, has found that older, less human-centered methods just don't work. A person doesn't give up drugs until he finds something better.

According to Master Sergeant Merle L. Fulton, NCOIC of Clinical Services at the post Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (ADAP), this new approach comes from a period of intense self-evaluation in the Army. Army leaders became aware that it wasn't necessary to hold a threat over a soldier's head to get his respect. One type of threat, the scare approach to drug abuse prevention, was discovered to be ineffective as a long-term remedy. Sociologists discovered in the sixties that the key to drug abuse was in making the individual aware of his own value to himself and to society.

To facilitate this awareness, the Presidio ADAP center has instituted transactional analysis, meditation, psychohistory and other modern sociological tools, all aimed at having the "client" say to himself, "My life, my feelings, are important!"

To demonstrate and discuss some of these techniques, according to Master Sergeant Fulton, this week the Presidio ADAP center will host an Open House on Monday, a self-esteem film festival on Tuesday and a round-table discussion later in the week.



Photo by C.D. Steen

Successful drug abuse prevention depends upon the image one has of oneself.

Why do people take drugs?

To further understand drug abuse during Drug Abuse Prevention Week, we have asked Phil Phillips, the Education Coordinator for ADAP Counseling Services, to explain some of the causes and cures of drug and alcohol abuse.

Interviewer: Why do you use drugs?

User: Why not?

Interviewer: How could someone convince you to stop?

User: Show me something better."

Believe it or not—the entire meaning and solution to the nation's drug problem is summed up in that actual statement by a drug user to a well known psychologist. All across our country, that kind of dialogue has gone on between clinical researchers and their subjects. Recent endeavors to get to the root causes of the epidemic of drug and alcohol addiction, abuse and experimentation have consistently turned up similar responses.

The "why not; show me something better" answer can be interpreted in the following seven, principle ways says Dr. Allan Y. Cohen, a leading researcher and recent consultant to the Presidio's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program:

"Principle I.—People take drugs (including alcohol) because they want to.

"Principle II.—People use drugs to 'feel better' or to 'get high.' Individuals experiment with drugs out of curiosity or in the hope that using drugs can make them feel better.

"Principle III.—People have been taught by cultural example, media, etc. that drugs are an effective way to make them feel better.

"Principle IV.—'Feeling Better' encompasses a huge range of mood or consciousness change, including such aspects as oblivion (sleep), emotion shift, energy modification and visions of the Divine, etc.

"Principle V.—With many mind or mood-altering drugs, taken principally for that purpose, individuals may temporarily feel better. However, drugs have substantial short and long term disadvantages. These include possible physiological damage and psychological deterioration. Drugs also tend to be temporary, relatively devoid of satisfying translation to the ordinary non-drug state of life, and they siphon off energy for long term constructive growth.

"Principle VI.—People do not stop using drugs

until they discover 'something better.'

"Principle VII.—The key to drug abuse is to focus on the 'something better', and to maximize opportunities for experiencing satisfying non-chemical alternatives. The same key can be used to discourage experimentation or, more likely, keep experimentation from progressing to dependency."

Jim Bowles, Director of Minority Training Programs, Drug Education and Training Center, of the Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute, reports that until very recently, most mental health professionals knew very little about addiction or its treatment; however, that is being remedied by diligent and wide research both in the laboratory and in the field. By means of interviews administered to a population of 500 mental health professionals, the following 22 reasons were given as primary motives for drug use: 1. Because drugs are available. 2. Because of medical prescriptions which contain drugs. 3. To go along with the crowd. 4. To feel less afraid. 5. To relieve feelings of alienation and dehumanization. 6. To relieve conscious feelings of personal inferiority and dependency. 7. To relieve

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Retired generals convene here

By Carol Cronin

The Thirteenth Annual Retired Generals and Colonels Conference will be held by the Presidio on Thursday, October 23. The event is sponsored to bring senior retired officers in North California up-to-date on the latest developments in the Army.

Activities will begin with a briefing at the Presidio theater followed by a social hour and dinner at the Presidio Officers' Club. Lieut. Gen. Edward M. Flanagan, Jr., U.S. Army Commander, will present the welcoming address and Colonel Warren J. Lodge, Presidio Commander, will give a status report on the Presidio and retirement services available. Other speakers include Brig. Gen. G. S. Woodard,

Jr., Commander, Letterman Army Medical Center; Col. Daniel G. Sharp, Western Recruiting Region Command, Maj. Gen. R. L. Linvill, USA Ret., President, Presidio Retirees Council and Col. Glenn H. Sharp, USA Ret., San Francisco Chapter, Retired Officers Association.

Musical entertainment for the conference will be provided by the Sixth U.S. Army Band and Chorus.

Retired military persons might be interested in the following items:

The Post Exchange is honoring military retirees through Sunday, the 19th with its "Retiree Recogni-

tion Days." Among other activities, merchandise specials of 10% off are offered on selected items. Retirees may register at the door, and on the 19th the oldest retiree to have signed up will receive a gift.

Retirees along with active duty personnel will benefit from a delay in the commissary surcharge increase. The increase which was scheduled to go into effect October 1, 1975 has been suspended until after Congressional approval of the FY 76 Defense Appropriations Bill that is now before Congress.

A retirement services office is available in building 913 to provide assistance for any retired military with questions or difficulties. Call 561-5057.

News notes

Reenlistment bonus — Your choice

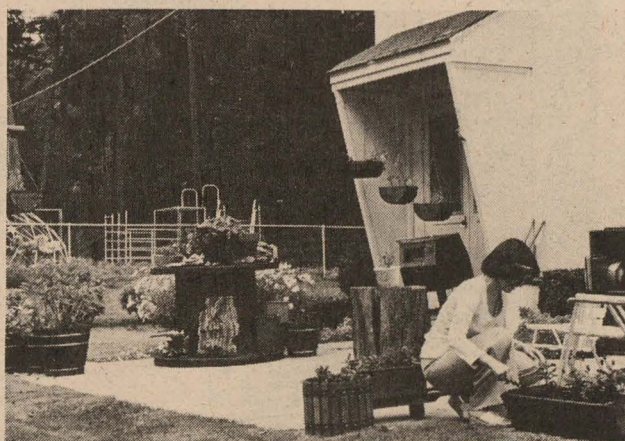
Reenlisting soldiers eligible for both the Regular and Selective Reenlistment Bonuses (RRB and SRB) must now be counselled on the respective benefits of the two bonuses before reenlistment.

According to the Military Personnel Center, reenlistment NCOs are now required to explain the benefits and restrictions of each bonus and method of payment options. They must also inform the reenlisting soldier that the choice of a bonus may not be changed after reenlistment, even if the initial payment is returned. When the reenlisting soldier chooses a bonus, the reenlistment NCO must indicate the decision on the reenlistment form.

Although public law has always permitted soldiers to elect either bonus if they are eligible for both, Army regulations do not require full explanation of options and the finality of the choice prior to reenlistment. Regulations concerning reenlistment bonuses are being revised to reflect this new policy.

Co-ed gymnastics

The San Francisco Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Avenue, is offering a Co-ed gymnastics class for adults, Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m., starting October 15. The instructor will be John Fong, San Francisco State University Number one all-around gymnast.



The quarters of the month award for October went to Major Joseph Bryan, assigned to the Logistics Control Activity. Maj. Bryan lives at 428-A Anatury Loop. Here, Mrs. Bryan works on a planter.



October's Soldier of the Month is Specialist 4 Larry Reed. Specialist Reed is assigned to the 504th Military Police battalion.

San Francisco State University on-post classes

The San Francisco State University on-post classes will be held at the Education Center from October 20 thru December 12, 1975. Courses this session are: **BUS 100 - Principals of Financial Accounting**, 13 units, Tues & Thurs, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., **POL SCI 200 - American Politics in an Era of Revolution**, 4 units, Tues & Thurs, 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., **MATH 104 - Intermediate Algebra**, 3 units, Mon & Wed, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., **PSY 330 - Child Development**, 3 units, Mon & Wed, 6 p.m.-9 p.m. These courses are open to military and civilian personnel. The tuition is \$90 for a 3 unit course; \$120 for a 4 unit course. Seventy-five percent tuition assistance is available to qualified military personnel. For further information or to enroll, call the College Dept at Fort Scott Education Center, ext 2974/4445 or the LAMC Education Center, ext 3693/4030.

Forums on bus service

Four public forums are planned to discuss and receive feedback on plans for Muni and Golden Gate Transit schedules to areas like Marin Headlands, Muir Woods, Mount Tamalpais, Stinson Beach, Point Reyes, and other parks in Marin County and San Francisco.

The forums are scheduled for:

- 7:30 p.m.
- October 20, Mission Branch YMCA, 4080 Mission Street (at Bosworth)
- October 22, Jefferson Elementary School, 19th Ave. & Irving
- October 29, Fort Mason, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Headquarters Building
- 9:30 a.m.
- October 30, City Hall, Room 282

Help get the CFC balloon in the clear by giving before October 24th. There's only one week left of this year's Combined Federal Campaign, so don't put off making that much needed contribution any longer. The 504th Military Police Battalion already deserve a great deal of thanks for their present contribution of \$22,273 from 89% of their personnel. In fact, the rest of the post combined, (at \$20,347 and only 44% participation) has contributed less than they have. So scrape up a little cash, or use the convenient payroll deduction plan. You'll never miss the money, but it means a lot to the service agencies that depend on it.

City lights

By Carol Cronin

Friday, 17th The Second Annual Wine and Flowers Festival is being celebrated today at Union Square. Cable cars, decorated imaginatively with flowers by local businesses and organizations, will be judged as they rattle by the square. Then the tintinnabulation starts with the popular Cable Car Bell Ringing Contest. As the ringing fades away it will be replaced by music to enjoy while wandering among the wine and flower exhibits. The activities will last from noon to 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, 18th For those with a bit of the wine connoisseur (or a bit of the wino) in them, there is wine tasting in Memorial Court, next to the Opera House on Van Ness. Entertainment will be provided by the Brown Bag Opera. Tickets are \$2.00 and can be purchased from Ticketron and Bass box offices, or at the entrance. Bring your own aspirin.

Sunday, 19th Early Americana will be the theme of An American Fair being held today in Victorian Park, Hyde and Beach Streets. The 6th U.S. Army Band will play in addition to the Brown Bag Opera. There'll be square dancing and an old fashioned firemen's muster. Activities will last from noon to 3 p.m.

Imogene Cunningham, a noted photographer, will present amateur photography awards and give a short lecture Sunday at Fort Mason. Photos from "Photographic Celebration," an amateur photo contest held by the National Park Service will be on display.

Monday, 20th If you've already tried to see the Bicentennial Birthday Cake at the downtown Emporium and it wasn't there, don't give up. The display was just delayed a week, and it should be on view starting today. The 30-foot tall, 35,000 pound cake will be on display through December.

Tuesday, 21st An Antique Show and Sale is sponsored today by St. Matthew's Church in San Mateo. Find that antique you've been looking for at 325 Avila Road, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, 22nd Bogart fans! "The Maltese Falcon" and "They Drive by Night" are playing at the Gateway, 215 Jackson, tonight through the 28th. Admission is \$3.00 without a Gateway discount card. Phone 421-3353 for times.

Thursday, 23rd Steel girders shaped to look like ballerinas? Albert Leon Wilson's creations in I-Beam sculpture will be exhibited at the Hyatt Regency Hotel through the 27th.

COURTESY

Don't litter even a litter bit.

A loquacious letter...

Dear Editor:

Just a few short months ago, the patter of brown wingtips and beige wedgies could be heard briskly clopping across the sidewalks leading to the Presidio's Pastry Palace, the PX Cafeteria. There, work-weary, ravenous government workers were treated to an express food line glowing with a plethora of sumptuous sweets: cinnamon twists delicately baked to golden brown and tailored in a coat of gleaming glaze, jelly rolls filled with preserves tantamount in quality to what grandma used to make, and huge bear claws shaped in a massive mold formed from the paw print of a gargantuan grizzly. But, alas and alack! Such is no longer true. Gone are the alluring apple danish, more seductive than a Copenhagen Porno Queen. Gone are the munificent raisin snails, more elegant than the finest Parisian escargot. Gone are the days when one would satisfy his appetite in Lucullan splendor amidst cherry conversation and breathtaking scenery. What remains of the carbohydrate-crammed goodies are a vile insult to the unselfish efforts of dough-people everywhere. As the McVitty's Cookie Kid says, "Quality is worth

the price." I'm sure most of the cafeteria patrons would gladly pay a few cents more for some quality pastry. How about it? Perhaps, for starters, butterhorns exuding with some of Mother Nature's finest. Then, Maybe.....

**Edaciously yours,
Cookie Kid and
The Butterhorn for
Brunch Bunch**

Editor's NOTE: Mr. D. P. Roth, Food Activity Manager, says the only dulcet delights baked in his pastry palace are donuts and raisin rolls. The other goodies are prepared by some of the city's finest gnomes, under government contract. He also says that contract hasn't changed during the last year or so. Possibly, the gnomes have changed their brand of shortening. You might be confused by the fact that the take-out line has been closed (except for Sundays and holidays — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This was done because PX management felt that having three pastry lines was a duplication of gnome-effort. (Additionally, it's hard to fry donuts while selling coffee to hundreds of sleepy, brown-wingtipped Presidians.)

Movies

PRESIDIO

Friday, Oct 17 One of Our Dinosaurs is Missing (G) 7 p.m. Adults \$1.00 Children 50¢.

Saturday, Oct 18 One of Our Dinosaurs is Missing (G) 2 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m.

Sunday, Oct 19 Bite The Bullet (PG) 6 p.m., 8:30 p.m. Adults \$1.00 Children 50¢.

Monday, Oct 20 Bite The Bullet (PG) 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct 21 The Dragon Dies Hard (PG) 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct 22 Born Losers (PG) 7 p.m. Adults 75¢ Children 35¢.

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Monday, Oct 20 The Lightning Swords of Death (R) 7 p.m.

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Engineers aid workshop

When the Marin Community Workshop in San Anselmo shuts down its operation every weekday at 3 p.m., another major operation in the facility rolls into high gear. This second operation involves the efforts of four US Army engineers from Company D, of the 864th Engineers.

A number of repairs were needed at the workshop, including a complete re-wiring job, moving and re-hanging the huge freight doors, patching portions of the concrete floor and the installation of various fixtures in the restrooms.

A request was made to the Presidio for assistance in accomplishing these jobs. Requests for engineer community service assistance contains a statement

from the local trade unions voicing no objection to the use of military personnel on such projects.

Spec. 5 Charles Ream (team chief), Spec. 4 Gary Langdon, Pvt. Douglas Fessler and Pvt. Gary Brown were selected for the job—an assignment that has resulted in the savings of nearly \$10,000 in labor costs for the workshop.

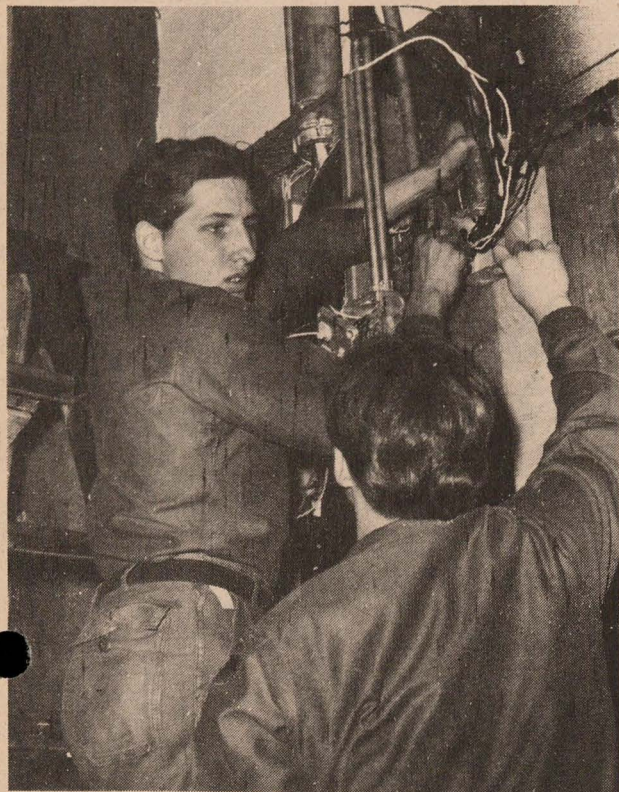
According to team chief Ream, the rewiring portion of the job was completed the end of September. Still remaining were such tasks as moving a metal rolling door from one wall to another and re-hanging it, patching the concrete floor and installing toilets and sinks in the restroom.

The entire project, expected to be completed by the end of October, will consume 1,200 manhours.

The men of the 864th have participated in several construction jobs at the request of various community service-oriented organizations in the Bay Area.

The cooperative effort involved, results not only in a monetary savings to the sponsoring organization, but in additional practical experience for the soldier engineers.

The Marin Community Workshop, established in 1960 under the sponsorship of Marin Aid to Retarded Children (MARC) to train adults who are mentally retarded, was incorporated in 1968 as a non-profit agency to serve, train and re-train all handicapped persons.



A main panel receives the attention of Spec 4 Gary Langdon (left) and Pvt. Douglas Fessler during the electrical phase of the project.

The blotter



Some professional thieves can open a locked car, remove what they want and get away in less than a minute. Fortunately, most of them are not so skilled and must rely on the carelessness of their victims. Do not offer opportunities for criminals to help themselves because you are negligent. Make sure the car is completely locked before leaving, this includes the vent windows as well as the doors. Also keep window seals in good repair. Good window seals make it difficult for a thief to slip a coat hanger in the window and open the door.

Keep your overhead dome light in working order as

they may attract attention if the car door is opened.

Unfortunately the Presidio area is presently experiencing a series of thefts from automobiles. The favorite items beinstolen are CB radios, and car stereos. In view of this situation, it is a good idea to mark these types of property with the vehicle license number to aid in identification.

Automobile burglars frequent dark streets and parking areas to ply their trade. At night, try to park your car in a well-lit area, preferably close to where there is some activity going on which will deprive the thief of his privacy.

If your car is broken into, notify the Military Police immediately.

From SP4 to model. . .she hopes

Photos and story by C.D. Steen

What do well-known celebrities Cybil Sheppard and Jennifer O'Neil have in common with Sp4 Bonnie Lee Bialas of the Presidio?

All three are models. The difference is Cybil Sheppard and Jennifer O'Neil are famous. Sp4 Bonnie Lee Bialas hopes that some day she will be.

Bonnie Lee, 20, a stenographer at 6th Army Headquarters, has wanted to be a model ever since high school. In fact her first taste of the excitement and glamour of modeling came while still in school, at the ripe old age of 18.

"I used to watch models on television and look at them in magazines," says the auburn-haired, brown-eyed woman. "I became infatuated with a desire to model also, so one day I designed some of my own clothes and volunteered to model at a department store in my hometown of Pittsburgh. After doing it I wanted to pursue modeling at least as a part time job."

She found modeling jobs not as easy to come by as she had hoped. Bonnie Lee decided to do something else in the meantime. With a yearn to travel in her blood, she thought the Army a good way to get around.

"I was assigned in Washington, D.C. and worked at the Pentagon," said the Army specialist. "I didn't waste much time in finding places to model in my off time."

Bonnie Lee found herself in front of different photographers for fashion magazines and did some modeling for department stores, showing off new styles. The Army also thought she would make a good model. Bonnie Lee was pictured on the front cover of the ARMY TIMES for the first color photo in that paper which was a Christmas theme for the Secretary of the Army. She was modeled again in March, showing off the Army's new summer polyester uniform for women.

Bonnie Lee caught the eye of local newspapers in the D. C. area for feature interviews, and the MDW POST, an Army paper, also did a feature about her.

Just when things started looking good for her there in the modeling business, she was reassigned to the Presidio.



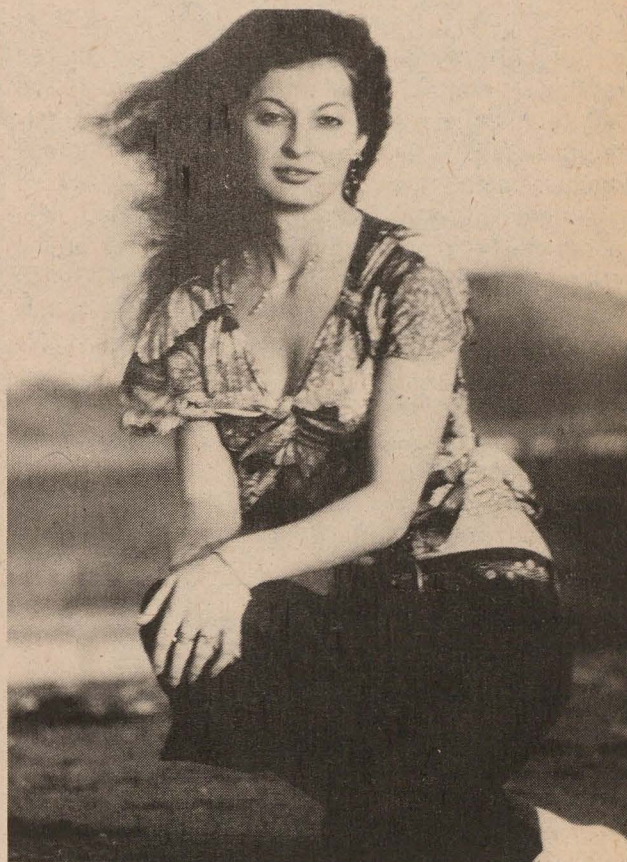
SP4 Bialas at work...

"I was disappointed at first," admits Bonnie Lee. "But San Francisco is a city where I can really get

going in the field."

During the eight weeks she has been here, she has done no modeling. But she has been busy building a photo portfolio of herself with the help of photographers A.C. Reyes, formerly of the Presidio photo facility, and this writer. Later, with enough pictures of herself in different modeling poses, she plans to contact agencies in this area for possible part-time modeling jobs. When her service time is up in about a year, she hopes to pursue a full-time modeling career.

What does it take to become a model? Bonnie Lee has a few comments. "A woman should be good



and as a model.

looking, and take good care of herself. That is, stay in shape by exercising and eating right. She should be slim if she wishes to do fashion work. If she desires to be featured as a "cover girl", her face must be free of blemishes and scars."

Even if a girl meets these requirements, it is sometimes rather difficult to get started. Bonnie Lee says an agency is probably the best way for a girl wishing to break into the field. Or, she might get in touch with a professional model who can direct her to the right contacts.

Sp4 Bialas, right now, is known only by those who see her at work and socially. But who knows? In the near future she might be remembered by thousands as a well-known cover-girl-like Cybil Sheppard and Jennifer O'Neil.

FOCUS



By A. C. Reyes

One of the questions most frequently asked of any photographer is: "What kind of camera is the best?" The answer, of course, is: "I don't know", followed immediately by: "What type of photography do you do mostly?" People, action and fast breaking events are best photographed with 35mm cameras. Landscapes and portraiture, on the other hand, are best taken with large cameras. If close-ups, or telephotography is your thing, then the single-lens-reflex camera is your answer. If architectural subjects, commercial products, machinery, works of art or interiors turn you on, then the view camera is your best bet.

The almost overwhelming popularity of the 35mm single lens reflex will lead you to believe that there is no subject that somehow can't be photographed with this camera. But it just ain't so. A camera, like any other tool, gives best results only when it is employed for the use for which it was intended.

Amateur photogs seem to think that a camera is a camera is a camera, and the 35mm SLR is it. Then when blurry, grainy, unsharp photographs are the result, then they wonder what went wrong. In the end, you must select your camera according to your type of photography, the purpose of the pictures, and of course, the job requirements.

Don't fall into the trap of buying a camera just like your friend the photographer uses. It could be a costly mistake.

Taking drugs

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feelings of depression, tension, or anxiety. 8. To relax, seek enjoyment, and/or find out more about oneself. 9. To have a mystical/religious experience or come closer to a supreme being. 10. To escape from and/or not have to deal with personal problems. 11. To prepare for stress and endure pain. 12. To make oneself appear more friendly and loving towards others. 13. To make a pleasant mood last longer. 14. To improve sexual and other types of physical performance. 15. To improve intellectual performance. 16. To increase or reduce appetite. 17. To satisfy a strong psychological craving or compulsion. 18. To escape from an oppressive society or world full of optical illusions and falsehoods. 19. To satisfy a strong physical craving and/or addictive personality syndrome. 20. To search for a world of peace, beauty, love and truth. 21. To experiment with foreign substances and the unknown world. 22. To rebel against one's parents and/or other authority figures.

It should be understood that people use drugs and alcohol for a combination of any of the above reasons and will choose different drugs depending upon their socio-cultural backgrounds. Some of these motives are noble in character and are not to be dismissed lightly, for inherent within them lies the cure to the entire dilemma: finding acceptable alternatives that have no destructive side effects.

It is safe to estimate that more than 50% of the American population over 13 has at least tried some mind-altering drug via prescription or from the illicit market. Thus, the stereotype of "those wierd drug users" is no more. Drug use, as alcohol use, is now a social norm, regardless of the law. The size of the high school "doper" culture is challenging the size of the "straight" culture. According to one elaborate study in San Mateo County, the use of a range of drugs (amphetamines, psychedelics, barbiturates and cannabis products) among this high school group in the past year is holding steady at about 3.4-55%, while alcohol consumption is dramatically increasing to well over 86%. As a culture we have accustomed ourselves to the abuse patterns now established.

Photo by C. D. Steen



But what of the personal side of the coin; what makes a user "tick"? Drug users are not usually morally corrupt ("send 'em to jail") or psychologically deviant ("send 'em to a mental hospital"). We know better. In fact, psycho-social research is turning up substance abuse addictions quite as powerful as the abuse of narcotics. You may be surprised (or perhaps not) that researchers are looking at a list that includes (T.V. viewing, newspaper reading, work, divorce and of course, eating and movie going. Think about it! What are the symptoms of the "T.V. junkie" (e.g. slumped in a chair; eyes glazed; listlessness; oblivious to his/her surroundings anger at being disturbed, or cut off from the supply; guilt at having squandered so much time!)

The consideration of drug use as a "deviant minority" problem is not only incorrect, it has led to a kind of social intervention that is reactive and negative and has only served to worsen the situation. Members of Alcoholics Anonymous are painfully aware that their greatest adversary in the fight to keep a man or woman from drinking themselves into oblivion is the public and private harrassment that the problem-drinker faces which labels him an "immoral, weak-willed, second-class" citizen. We keep the problem drinker drunk by taking a moralistic attitude toward his or her abuse.

Alcoholism knows no bounds, recognizes no intellect, class, religion or creed. It is purely the addiction to a sedative drug! Yet, the reason men and women do not seek help, is because they think that to identify themselves is to take on the label "derelect".

A person seeking help deserves a decoration of some kind for his courage in facing almost certain stigmatization. Usually suicide or premature death beats the abuser to such an act of courage, however.

The theme for this year's National Drug Abuse Prevention Week is an apt one: "Prevention through self-esteem". In fact, this is the only really effective way to reduce the nation's increasing dependence upon chemical substances.

Dr. Eric Schaps, of the Pacific Institute of Research and Evaluation in the Bay Area, said . .

"What we need ideally is a way to prepare people to deal with a 'future shock' society. I do not believe the kind of education we give people today adequately prepares them to meet the realities of U.S. of America 1975. What we do in our schools is to teach people a lot of facts and a lot of cognitive skills. We don't teach how to deal with people unlike ourselves, with conflict or stress, with emotions or fears or with one another; we don't teach people how to develop values, goals, how to know themselves, or how to be at ease in their relationships with each other and with their elders. And until our schools, families, churches, corporations,—and any other institution where youth come into contact with adults, start teaching them these things we are going to have the 'drug problem'."

That is why the Presidio Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program stresses personal growth potential in all its training both for clients in the rehabilitation program and for the "healthy" post community. Remember, you are the target; very few are immune from substance abuse whether it be coffee, peanut butter, or Valium.

Nevertheless, we at ADAP have the basic philosophy "I'm OK, You're OK," let's try and stay that way. Building a better life, not through chemistry, but through self esteem.

170th MPs switch with 402d at Chaffee

by C.D. Steen

The 170th Military Police Company has started refilling the ranks of returning members of the 402nd MP Company who, since July, have been temporarily assigned to Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas at the Vietnamese refugee camp there.

According to sources from the 504th MP Battalion, personnel from the 170th MPs will replace returning 402nd personnel man for man so that the 106 men and officers from the 402nd at Chaffee will eventually be replaced by the same number from the 170th here.

A platoon from the 170th has already departed for Ft. Chaffee with an equal number of 402nd personnel returning to the Presidio.

What the MPs basically do at Ft. Chaffee was explained by Sgt. George Shell of the 402nd, recently

returned.

"Mostly, we kept the refugees on the camp premises," said Shell. "None are allowed to leave the area unless specially escorted or unless they have fully processed through and have been sponsored by an American agency or person. Our job is patrolling the camp site in vehicles or standing guard at static boxes." (small guard houses)

Sgt. Shell, who was a squad leader patrol supervisor at the camp for 77 days, said he became very involved with actual policing routines there which gave him experience he hadn't had before.

"I, and just about everyone else assigned at Ft. Chaffee, came up against rape cases, larcenies, vehicle accidents, breaking and enterings, Presidential security, assaults, and even delivering babies!"

Get ready to ski

By North Bay Ski Patrol

This article is provided by the North Bay Ski Patrol, an activity of the National Ski Patrol System, Inc. The information is intended to promote safer, more enjoyable skiing for everyone during the coming ski season.

It is not too early to start getting in shape for the coming season. In fact it is almost too late. One of the major contributing factors to ski injuries is lack of proper physical conditioning. Strength, balance, flexibility, and endurance are all required to enjoy a hard day of skiing. Here are some conditioning exercises which can help you get in shape:

SQUAT BENDS: With feet approximately shoulder width apart and arms extended to the front, bend the knees until you are in a squatting position. Then return to a standing position. Repeat. Try and do at least 50 times. This strengthens the thighs and aids balance.

PUSH-UPS: Lie face down on the floor with the hands under the shoulders elbows bent. Push up until the entire weight is supported by the arms and toes. Keep the back straight. Lower the body by bending the elbows until just the chest touches the

floor then push up again. Work up to at least 10 repetitions.

SIT UPS: Lie on your back with the feet braced or held down, arms folded across the chest or behind the head. Without using the hands pull yourself up to a sitting position. Lower yourself back down to the floor. Repeat. Work up to 25 repetitions in 30 seconds. Builds good stomach muscles and helps prevent backache.

JOGGING: Start out slowly and gradually increase the length and speed until you can go a mile and a half in 14 minutes or less. Excellent for the heart, lungs, and legs.

JUMPING: Place a shoe box on the floor. Keeping both feet together jump sideways over the box. Jump back. Keep it up. Later do it forward and backward. Set up a complicated pattern requiring you to jump sideways, forward, and backward in an asymmetrical arrangement. Develops strength, balance, endurance and coordination.

These exercises will not make you a candidate for the Olympics but they should help you enjoy safer skiing.

sports

Flag football standings

Flag football standings as of Wednesday, October 8, were:

Ft. Scott League	Wins	Losses
District Corps of Engineers	5	0
Letterman Army Medical Center #2	4	1
HHD 504th Military Police Bn.	3	2
864th Engineers	2	3
Western Region Recruiting Command	1	4
US Army Reference Laboratory	0	5
Presidio League	Wins	Losses
Letterman Army Medical Center #1	5	0
170th Military Police Company	3	2
US Army Garrison	2	3
402nd Military Police Company	2	3
Oakland Army Reserve Base	2	3
Letterman Army Institute of Research	1	4

Softball playoffs

An 11-5 win over C-8 last night kept PSF in the running for the San Francisco Softball League class divisional championships.

PSF (C-4), looked at a three-run deficit going into the 4th, but poured it on with eight runs in that inning. They picked up three more in the 6th.

The post team needs to win the next two games in order to win the city championship.

Runner injured

Presidio's George Stewart, who injured his hip in a 25 kilometer race a month ago, says he is pretty well recovered and is almost at 100 per cent running effectiveness again. Stewart, and Jerry Garcia, both will participate at the U.S. Olympic trials, in Cotati, Cal., for the 10,000 meter race spot November 2. They will also try out for CISM cross-country race qualification, which may take them to Cairo, Egypt in April. The testing time and place will be determined at a later date.

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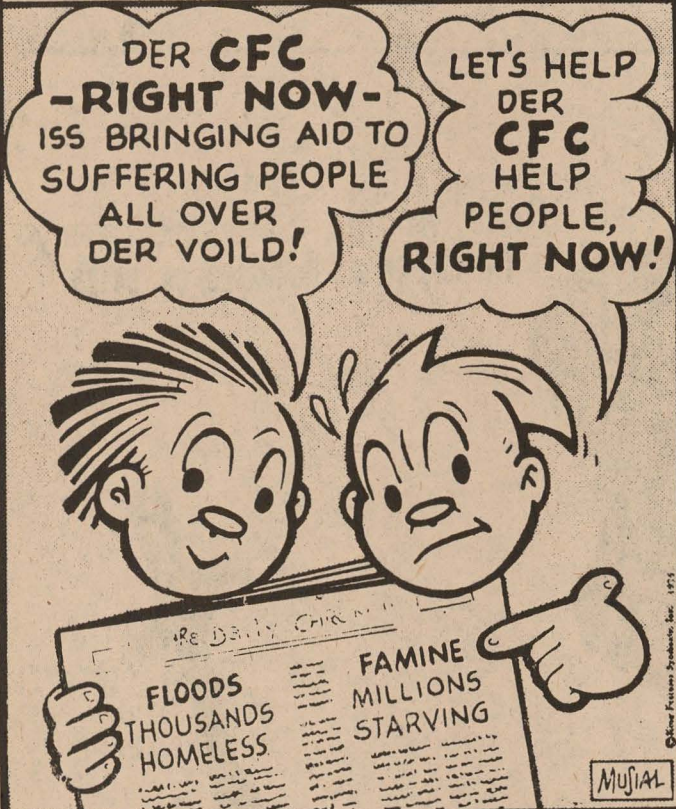
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The Katzenjammer Kids By Joe Musial



National Cartoonists Society

The Combined Federal Campaign has been extended to October 31, so we have just one more week to give our fair share. The Presidio's total contribution so far is \$49,350. Let's give all we can this last week.

Pay Increase

The Federal pay increase of 5%, which became effective October 1, will be paid to military personnel on payday, October 31. Civilian personnel will receive their first pay increase, which was effective the beginning of the October 12 pay period, on the November 4 pay day.

Helping hand from Greyhound

A special "Helping Hand" service to assist the handicapped in traveling by bus has been announced by Greyhound Lines, Inc., the world's largest bus line.

Key feature of the "Helping Hand" service is a special fare which allows a companion to travel free to assist any handicapped person who needs help in boarding, exiting and traveling on a bus.

James L. Kerrigan, President of Greyhound Lines, said that the special fare will apply to all Greyhound regular rates and special fares such as the unlimited travel Ameripass. "Handicapped persons frequently have been unable to travel because of the added cost of being with a companion who could help minister to their needs," Kerrigan said. "Our new program will make transportation costs no more for a handicapped person than for anyone else and still provide for their special requirements."

To be eligible for the special fare which went into effect, October 19, a handicapped person will need a written statement from a doctor stating that she or he needs a companion to assist in boarding, exiting and traveling by bus.

Both the handicapped person and the companion will travel on a single ticket. The pair must travel together for the complete trip and the companion must be capable of assisting the disabled person in boarding and alighting during the trip.

"Non-motorized wheelchairs and other aids will also be carried as baggage without additional charge" according to Kerrigan.

Woodworking class

A Women's Beginning Woodworking Class begins Friday October 24, 1830-2100 hrs. The class will meet every Friday evening for a 4 week duration. Sign-up is necessary. Stop by or call 4497.

Pottery 1830-2130 Wednesdays
Painting 1830-2130 Wednesdays

Free photo paper is available on Thursday and Friday nights at the Crafts Shop Photo Lab as long as the supply lasts.

Regular Shop hours of operation are:

Tue — Fri 1700-2100 hrs.
Sat 0900-1700 hrs.
Sun & Mon Closed

Daylight Savings time

Midnight, October 26, set your watches, clocks, sundials and hourglasses **back** one hour, as California returns to standard time.

November promotions

Senior NCO promotions show the biggest increases in the Army's promotion figures for November. However the number of soldiers being promoted to E-5 showed a drop to 2,400: all other enlisted grades showed increases: 900 will advance to E-6, 1,736 to E-7, 737 to E-8 and 234 to E-9.

Officer promotions showed a drop in all areas except Warrant Officer grades and O-6. 36 will be promoted to CWO-3 and 11 will advance to CWO-4. 183 officers will move up to O-3, 82 to O-4, 70 to O-5 and 38 to O-6.

Sixth Army Chaplain's School

The Sixth US Army Chaplain Training School will hold its 18th annual session October 28-31, 1975, at Fisherman's Wharf Holiday Inn in San Francisco.

A total of 168 Reserve Component Chaplains are scheduled to attend, according to Chaplain (Colonel) Emil F. Kapusta, Sixth Army Staff Chaplain and school director. Speakers for the session include Dr. Samuel I. Hayakawa, President Emeritus, San Francisco State University; Chaplain (Major General) Orris E. Kelly, Chief of Chaplains, Washington, D.C.; Chaplain (Col.) William A. Martin FORSCOM Staff Chaplain, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; the Reverend Doctor Philip R. Cousin, St. Joseph's African Methodist Episcopal Church, Durham, N.C.; the Reverend Doctor Keith R. Bridston, Pacific Lutheran Seminary, Berkeley, Calif.; Maj. Gen. Frank J. Schober, Jr., Commanding General, State Military Forces, California; and Chaplain (Brigadier General - Mobilization Designee) Herman A. Norton, Chief of Chaplains Office, Washington, D.C.

This year's theme is "Ministry to Soldiers." Classroom topics will cover the following subjects: Clinical Pastoral Education; Family Life; Homiletics; Personal Effectiveness Training; Chaplain Readiness; Communicating with the Commander; Fulfilling Pastoral Goals through Administration; and Installation Chaplain Management.

Yosemite Valley

Central YMCA is offering two trips to Yosemite Valley this Fall. The first is scheduled for October 24-26, and the second November 21-23. This is a good chance to see the Valley in its delicate fall beauty. For further information call the Central YMCA at 885-0460.

Military Airline discounts

Military personnel flying on commercial airlines while on leave can still receive an unrestricted 25 percent discount until 21 March 1976, says the Military Traffic Management Command.

Several domestic airline companies filed a Joint Fares Tariff with the Civil Aeronautics Board requesting the extension. Personnel in leave status should be prepared to present leave paperwork and military ID when purchasing tickets. The military leave fare cannot be used in conjunction with other airline discounts.

PX stresses, don't sell out

Longtime PX (BX) patrons will remember the often-repeated message drilled into every soldier, airman and military dependent: Don't sell out!

Today, just as before, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) stands as a vital military benefit. But that benefit is placed in jeopardy each time an authorized customer buys in the exchange for patrons who do not have the exchange privilege.

The temptation to "earn a little extra money" or "do a friend a favor" should be overcome, not only for the individual shopper's sake, but also for the many who serve—or have served—the nation and earned the exchange privilege. Bragging about lower exchange prices also threatens this benefit. It also should be avoided.

In plain language, abuse of the exchange privilege threatens this benefit for everyone. Is it worth it?

Craft festival

Creations Unlimited Arts and Crafts Festival will be held in Harmon Hall, Saturday, October 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Follow the directional signs on Mason Street to Bldg. 649. Parking is available.

Artists will be in their booths to sell and exhibit their original, hand-crafted arts and crafts. The exhibits will include Christmas ornaments and decorations, gifts for Christmas, jewelry, macrame items, fashions, batiks, paintings, needle-craft, photographs of the Bay area, graphics and more.

During the Festival, demonstrations will be presented in Lapidary, textile painting and decoration, Batik, fine arts, quilting, and more. Watch the daily bulletin for the details.

Bring the family for a day of fun. The Presidio Girl Scouts will serve lunch, snacks, and drinks. Clowns will be there to entertain the children.

Creations Unlimited, an extension of the Thrift Shop, is the Presidio's Boutique, gift-shop, and art gallery. It is located in Bldg. 911, near the Family Housing Office. The hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday, and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The shop will be open on the day of the Festival. Call 561-4351 for more information.

Flu shots

Influenza vaccinations will be available for dependents from November 3 to November 28, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sponsoring refugees

Thousands of Vietnamese military refugees are now in resettlement centers in the United States.

Sponsors are needed to assist these refugees in their resettlement into our society.

Interested individuals and/or social groups are encouraged to take part in the sponsorship program.

Individuals interested in being sponsors will be expected to:

- Receive the refugee and his family.
- Provide shelter and food, until the refugee becomes self-sufficient. Shelter need not be in the residence of the sponsor, but must be adequate.
- Provide clothing and pocket money.
- Provide assistance in finding employment and in school enrollment for children.
- Cover ordinary medical costs or medical insurance.
- Once employment is obtained, assist the refugee to locate permanent housing, acquire minimal furniture and arrange for utilities.

As sponsorship by individuals could be difficult, sponsorship by groups is recommended.

Astrology course

Beginning Thursday October 30, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. the Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Avenue, will offer a 4 week course in Astrology. This is an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of astrology including the meanings of the houses, signs, planets and aspects. Emphasis will be upon determining the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual qualities of each individual.

Sex role course

The Federal Women's Program here on post has been especially active this year supporting International Women's Year. In cooperation with the City College of San Francisco and the Army Education Center, they have arranged for a course on "Sex Roles and Society" to be taught on post.

The class will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings, November 3 through January 14 (except for a Christmas break), from 4:30 to 7:30 at the Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216, Fort Scott. The three-credit course is free to California residents, and military and dependents who have lived in California less than one year.

The status and role of women in contemporary society will be examined by discussing how people are brought into the major social institutions, and how sex-role stereotyping influences self-concepts as well as educational and job opportunities. The strategies, policies, and laws necessary to create new or alternative options and life styles for all will be studied. To enroll, contact the Army Education Center, Bldg. 1216, 4445/4900.

Eat a spud for health

By Jan Matthews, R.D.

Introducing...the POTATO!! If only potatoes could come packaged with a natural nutritional label so that the shopper could see what a super bargain in nutrition they are: low in cost, high in food value, delicious taste! It's time to reintroduce this nutritious, delicious vegetable into your family meals!

With the recent emphasis on weight control and "low carbohydrate" diets, many people have omitted potatoes from their meals. Believing that "starches are fattening" and meats and high protein foods are not, the potato has been left in the store—as father chews an oversized piece of steak that is high in calories and saturated fat.

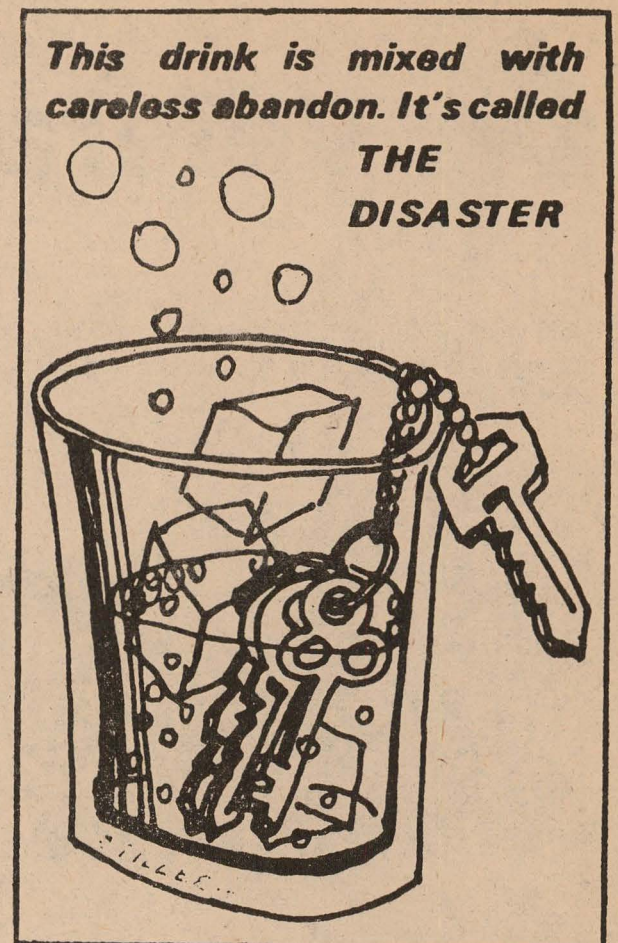
Potatoes can and do belong in weight reduction diets! There are only 93 calories in a baked potato, two and one-half inches in diameter, compared to 800 calories in a six or seven-ounce piece of T-bone steak. The mistaken idea that potatoes are "fattening" is a myth that is passed on by those who are less informed about nutrition than they should be!

If an excessively large, high fat portion of meat served for supper was reduced in size to a smaller amount, more appropriate for the body's protein requirements—and if a small baked potato was added to the meal, fewer total calories would be consumed than if the large portion steak was eaten alone.

A potato isn't high in calories until all sorts of extra fats are piled onto it to "dress it up." A small, innocent baked potato becomes a 300-calorie monster when you add one tablespoon of butter and four tablespoons of sour cream to it! How about keeping that potato under 100 calories by seasoning it with salt and pepper—and lemon juice, if you like? Or roast it in the coals in the coals in your outdoor barbecue and enjoy the potato for what it is! Much better for you than one drowning in saturated fats or one deep fried at a cost of 365 calories for 20 fries!

Potatoes are much more than "just starch." They're a real nutritional bargain! A two and one-half inch baked potato provides nearly one-half of the total Recommended Daily Allowance for Vitamin C for an adult, in addition to providing thiamine and niacin, iron, and potassium. Potatoes contain a small amount of good quality vegetable protein, are fat-free, and are extremely low in sodium. Great for those who need to restrict sodium intake. Best of all—they're very low in cost, too!

Calories for calories and penny for penny, potatoes are a nutritious and delicious bargain. Naturally packed they come in brown, red and white wrappers! How about putting a great food back into your family meals? (AFPS)



Presidio prepares for spooks

By A. C. Reyes

Strange costumes, jack o'lanterns, telling stories around campfires and trick or treating, these are all part of Halloween. While the name Halloween is taken from a great Christian feast, most of these customs came to us from the Druids, nature worshippers, who during their New Year festival in October 31, tried to placate the Lord of Death. They believed that all the spirits of those who had died in the last year were allowed to spend a few hours at their former homes on this night. It was also the night of the full moon, and black cats, elves, fairies, witches and things that go bump in the night were out in force. Because the witches and spirits who roamed on October 31 had their fun by frightening, harming and generally playing tricks on humans, the scared mortals would offer them things they liked. Or perhaps a human decided to join in the fun and dress up like a witch or goblin and go undetected. In this way the tradition of "trick or treat" has been handed down almost unchanged.

Just as Halloween was a dangerous night to be out in ancient England, it can also be dangerous to little "trick or treaters". However the dangers nowadays are not witches nor spirits, but rather from falls, fires and pedestrian car accidents. In order to make this Halloween safer for "little witches", the National Safety Council suggests that costumes should be light in color, or if they are dark colored, reflective tape should be used to decorate the costumes so that they will "glow" in the dark when a car's headlights shine on it. The costume should be short enough to prevent tripping on it and falling.

Before you buy that costume your child is hopefully eyeing, check the tag to see if it has been treated with flame retardant chemicals. If your child wants to carry a jack o'lantern, a small flashlight instead of a candle would be a lot safer. Masks do interfere with vision, and when you add to this the fact that trick or treaters are out at night, then perhaps flashlights to see where they are going should be seriously considered. Instead of masks, why not make-up? Use a dab of cold cream on the face before make-up is applied to facilitate removal when the kids return home with their loot.

The National Safety Council also suggests that an adult accompany the small fry on their rounds.

In addition to these hazards, every year Halloween has been marred for many children by sadistic adults who put razor blades in apples, give laxatives instead of candy, and in some cases injurious chemicals. To make this year's Halloween a safe and enjoyable occasion, instruct your children not to consume any candy or treat until they come home and you have inspected their "loot". You householders are urged to



Photo by C.D. Steen

turn your porch lights on if you are interested in having small trick or treaters come to your door. Motorists should be extra cautious of bands of youngsters who will be out and who may cross in the middle of the street or dart from between parked cars. If a child's costume calls for swords, knives, broomsticks or wands, make 'em out of cardboard. That way if the child falls on his dagger, only the dagger will be hurt. Finally, for those of you who like to make their own costumes, a thorough soaking in a solution of one gallon warm water, nine ounces of borax and four ounces of boric acid will make them flameproof till they are washed or get wet.

Hours of "Trick or Treating" in housing areas located on the Presidio or subposts will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., October 31. All children under the age of eight must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible member of the military community. Maximum age for participation will be 15 years.

Before the big night and just before the children depart, outline the plans for the evening. Decide on a route. You may have to locate the children in a hurry. Keep the children in groups of about three or four and try to make sure that they are of the same age level.

Motorists should be extra cautious of the bands of youngsters who may cross in the middle of the street or dart from between parked cars.

Occupants can make things safe for children by lighting their area so that they will not trip on stairs or other obstacles. To keep children from climbing up and down stairways in the Park Presidio area, arrangements should be made for a centralized area on the ground floor of each building/stairwell where the children may be received.

It is highly recommended that no homemade food-stuff items be given to children "Trick or Treating," only those items commercially purchased and wrapped. Parents should instruct their children not to eat any of the items received until they arrive at home so that they can be inspected before eaten. If you discover anything wrong with the "treats" your child brings home, report it to the Military Police immediately, at extensions 2251 or 2252.

Children should be greeted at the door and not encouraged to come inside.

Safe practices need not take the fun out of Halloween. Observing these precautions will help insure that our children enjoy a fun-filled, yet safe Halloween.



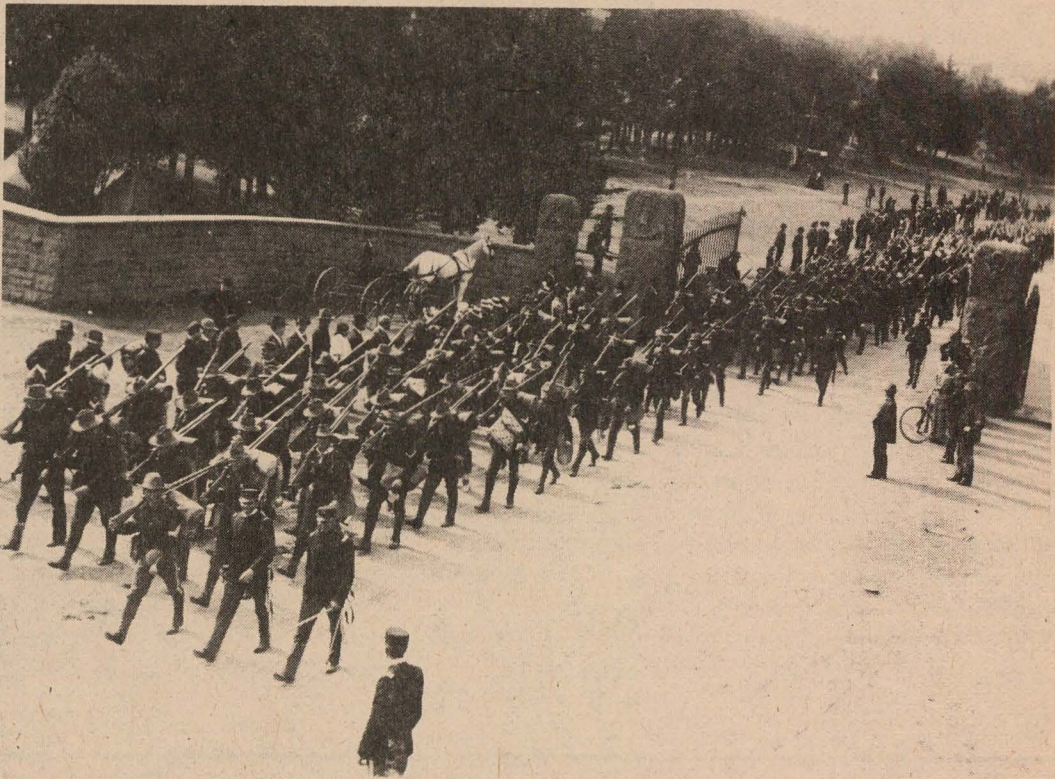
Veteran's Day 1975

U.S. Army photos

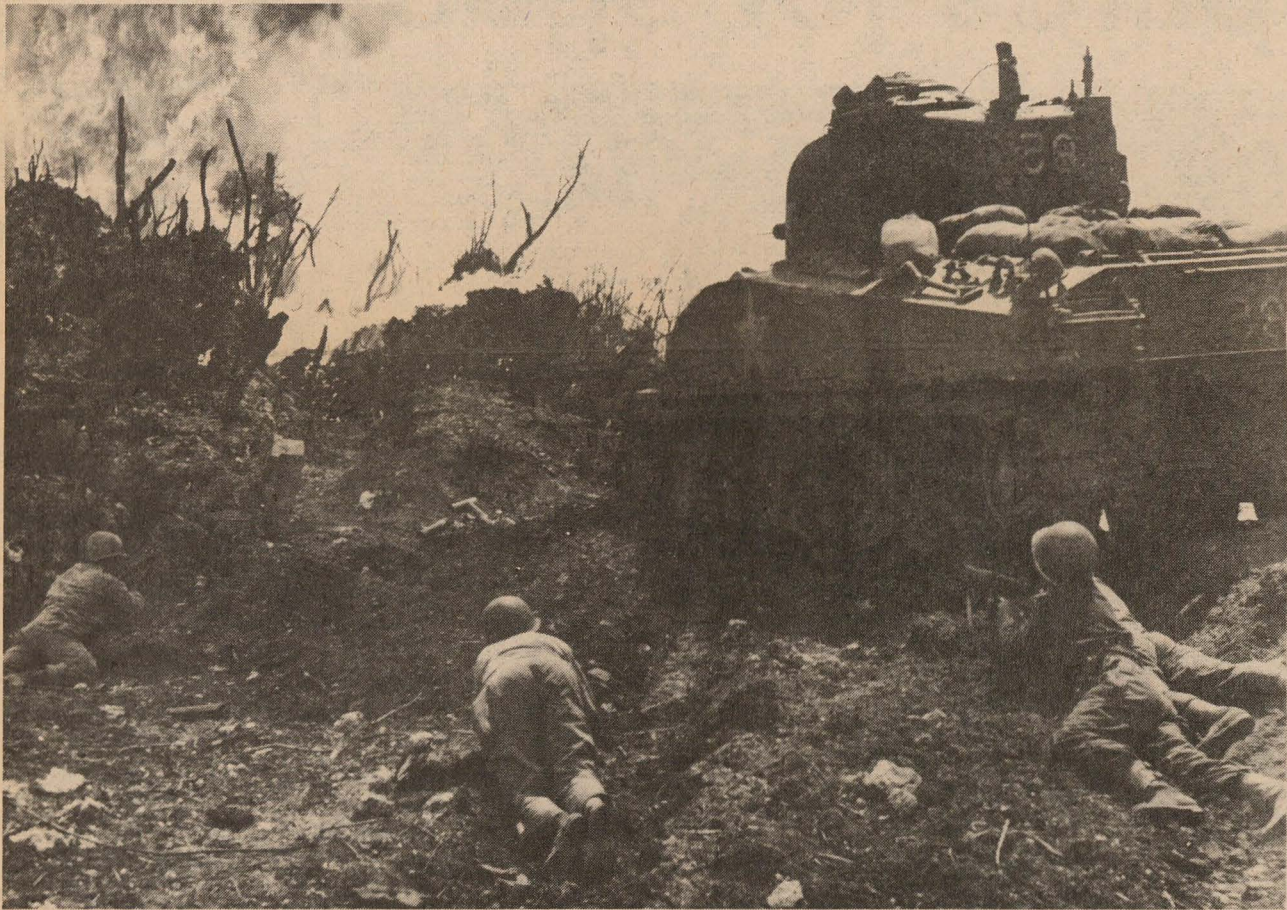
Americans have fought for the right to be free and self-governing for 200 years. This page is dedicated to those veterans who have participated in our country's fight for freedom.



Soldiers in a mortar platoon during 1950s Korean conflict.



California Volunteers march out of Lombard Gate of the Presidio, enroute to the Philippines during the 1898 Filipino Insurrection.



Combat action, Pacific theatre of WW II.



The decorated—members of the 30th Infantry at Ft. Scott in the 1930s.



The Leaders...Generals George S. Patton and Omar Bradley.



Soldiers slosh through rice paddies during Vietnam War era, (1961 - 1972).

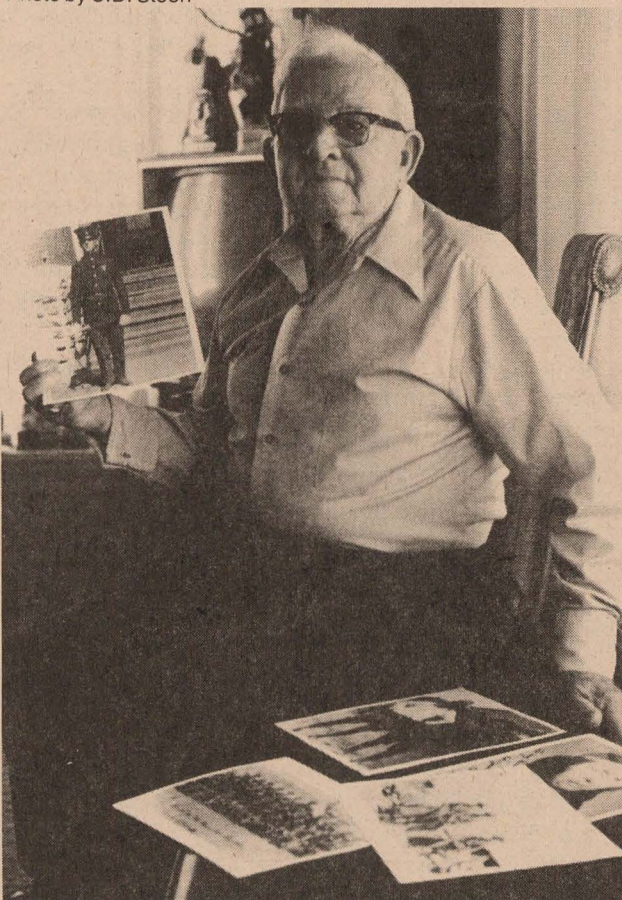


Fifty years ago on the Presidio

A veteran remembers

Story by C. D. Steen
Interview tapes courtesy of John Langellier.

Photo by C.D. Steen



Ed Maker poses in his San Francisco apartment with photos of himself and other persons he knew over a half-century ago.

Veterans of all eras probably have many stories to tell on what they did in the service. The war they fought in, the adventures they had, and the numerous and tragic events they shared with fellow soldiers all molded their feelings of service life.

Modern vets, with all the betterments that the services have added still have occasion to gripe sometimes. Ever think about what it was like 60 years ago and what soldiers had to put up with then? There's one former Army man that can give you an eyewitness testimony of what service life was in the years around 1911 through the end of World War I.

His name is Ed Maker and he lives only a few blocks away from one of the posts he served at over a half century ago—and that post is the Presidio.

At 82, Ed still has the bubbly jubilation of a new recruit on his first three-day pass. He tells a little about Army life when he was a trumpeteer corporal, and how and why he joined the Army. Some of the names have been changed so no one will get in trouble.

"I was actually sold by good old American advertising," says Maker. "I was just bumming around Fresno, California when a 'rookie catcher billboard' (a recruiting poster) caught my eye. There in the picture was a trumpeteer soldier riding a horse. He was all dolled up in a fancy blue uniform with a bright, yellow stripe running down both legs. He was wearing a wide-brimmed hat with a kerchief around his neck. I decided right then and there I wanted to be just like him."

"I talked to the rookie catcher himself and told him I wanted to join. Of course, he was all for it. When he asked how old I was, I said 17. He told me I was too young and I had to get parental consent. I asked my Dad to sign papers to get me in the Army and he said no. So I had to tell the recruiter I couldn't get my father to sign. He asked how did I know I was 17, and could I prove it. I said I couldn't. He then gave me a dime to see a show and to think about how old I was. I sat in the movie thinking and finally I said to myself, 'I wasn't born in 1893, I was born in 1889. That made me 21! I told the recruiter this and it was all the proof he wanted. We went into his office and signed the papers.'"



Maker's first advice about how to get along in the Army was told to him by a corporal on the train headed to his first duty station, which was Angel Island in San Francisco Bay.

"I've never forgotten what that corporal told me," said Maker smiling. "He told me three ways: 'Keep your nose clean; see nothing, hear nothing, say nothing; and always do what you are told.'"

Ed Maker's first duty was pulling guard at the old hospital building on Angel Island. "I wasn't used to San Francisco weather," said Maker. "I nearly froze to death. That cold wind sweeping in from the Golden Gate bit right through my woolen coat and I shivered the whole night through. There was no warm place to duck into to get warm."

Ed spent two months at Angel Island learning to become a soldier. Or, as put today, going through basic training.

His "recruit drill" finished, he was put aboard a transport at Folsom Street, bound for Honolulu, Hawaii. Meals aboard a transport certainly weren't a gourmet's delight.

"Our meal was beans! I was even warned not to eat them by other troopers because I'd get sick. Well, I was hungry and I wanted something in my stomach to get sick with. I ate my beans, the fellow's beans to my left, and the fellow's beans to my right. Funny as it seems, the two fellows got sick and I didn't. I enjoyed the whole voyage."

When the transport arrived in Hawaii, the troops were sent to an examination station. A rash found on Maker proved somewhat embarrassing.

"The medical examiner took a look at the rash and determined I had venereal disease. I was sent to the VD clinic at Schofield Barracks, and after several examinations the conclusion finally came down that all I had was a heat rash. What a way to arrive in the Army!"

Life in the Army with the 5th Cavalry, Hawaii, wasn't any tropical paradise for Maker. If it wasn't KP, he was pulling guard or stable duty. He began to

notice that the bugler, known then as the trumpeter, didn't do anything.

"That was the job for me," said Maker. "I became friends with the trumpeter and found out he was getting discharged in a year. I asked him to teach me how to blow that long, brass thing so I could get his job when he left. He showed me the fine art of trumpeting, which was nothing more than keeping a tight lip and blowing at different pitch levels. By the time a year was up I went to the first sergeant and told him I wanted the job. I got it and I did no more full pack inspections or any other detail I had suffered through for the first 12 months."

Ed Maker's last night on Hawaii was spent like any active, highly energetic young soldier out for a good time—he and a couple of friends headed for the area where "Ladies of the Night" hung around.

"We were walking down the street when all of a sudden out the door of one of the houses of ill repute came a table, chairs and two women. A ruckus was being raised by a bunch of crazy cavalry men inside, and the constable (no MPs in those days) called up an infantry unit to round up the guys, and us, too, with fixed bayonets, and headed us to the transport for the trip out."

The ship brought them to Ft. Mason and after a short time with friends and family in San Francisco, Ed Maker was on his way to Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., which was an Indian outpost in a canyon.

After several months at this lonely outpost, Maker's troop was transferred to Ft. Myer where Ed served as the trumpeter who blew taps at Arlington National Cemetery. Says Ed, "They'd give you a silver dollar if you blew a good taps, so I practiced that song every day. A dollar would buy a lot of beer in Washington at five cents a schooner."



Later in his Army career, Ed was assigned as an aid to an officer who did escort duty during the San Francisco World's Fair. He says of that experience, "In those days, if a girl walked down the street with a man in uniform, she wasn't considered much good, because it was peacetime and a soldier wasn't thought much of. So we used to take our civilian clothes and put them in a suitcase. Then we'd go down to the fair and get in for nothing because we were in uniform, and go into the men's room and change into civvies and check the suitcases at the main gate at Fillmore Street. Then we could go around and pick up a gal and enjoy ourselves in the fairgrounds."

"Sometimes we would go down to the Barbary



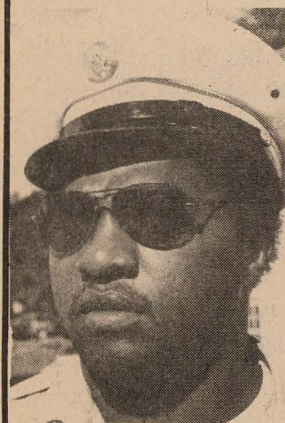
Corporal Ed Maker, left, and other Fanfare trumpeters at Camp Harry J. Jones, Arizona, sound off for this 1913 photograph.

Coast instead of the fair. We'd go down and dance with taxi dancers. One time I remember, there were two guys in the outfit, Scarface Johnson and a guy named Green, who got into a fight down on the Barbary Coast, and ended up in the city jail. The precinct captain down there called the commander of G Troop and said 'We got two of your men here in jail.' The troop commander was a tough old cavalry captain and he told the precinct captain, 'Well I got a guardhouse for my men and there's a streetcar leaves down there, right by your place, and it'll get my men out here in about 20 minutes. I'll check and if they're not here in 45 minutes, I pull the whole troop out, saddle 'em up and wreck your damn jail.' Later on, this captain died of a wound received in the Siberian expedition."

Maker's Army career included Mexican bandits, Indian uprisings and a World's Fair. He got out of the Army a few months after World War I, following two eventful hitches. He carried home to his native California memories of a colorful period in Army history, and we thank him for sharing them with our readers.

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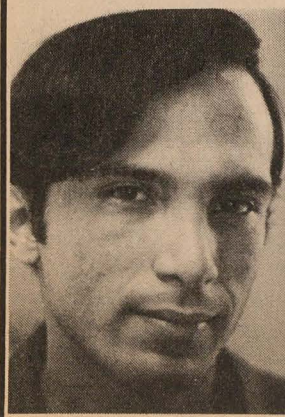
What are you going to do when you leave the Army?



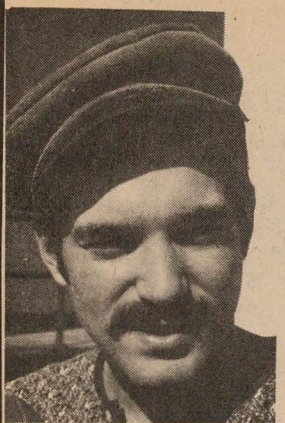
Sgt Jonathan Reese: "I have a few more semester hours to complete my BS degree in criminology. I hope to return to Georgia Southern University, get my degree, and find employment in the police field."



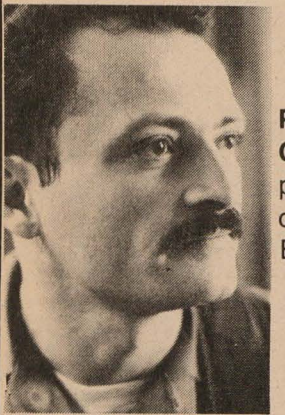
PFC Tom Hill: "I came into the Army right after high school graduation. When I say good-bye to the Army I'll be saying hello to four years of college."



Sp4 Edwin Caro: "Go back to college. I intend to use the G.I. Bill to its fullest. When I get my degree in business, I may decide to come back in the Army. I hope to go through ROTC while at college and come in again as an officer."



PFC Doug Rowand: "I want to just take it easy right after I'm discharged. Then, I'll probably go back to school and get my degree."



Pvt Julio E. Colon: "When I get out I plan to get a VA loan and open my own food store in Brooklyn, N.Y."

Action line

The Commander's Action Line is available to help with problems or answer questions. Anyone (troops, families, civilian employees) with a Presidio-related problem that cannot be solved through the chain of command can telephone or write and get action.

Dial the 24-hour phone service: L-I-N-E, or send your questions to:

Action Line
Information Office
Presidio of San Francisco, CA 94129

City

By Carol Cronin

lights

Friday, 24th Remember Bill's relaxing and delicious free home cooked meals every Friday night at 6 p.m. at the San Francisco USO, 1019 Market Street? Dancing, song fests and other activities follow the dinners.

Saturday, 25th Adults as well as children will be delighted by **Kappa-Za**, Japanese Theatre using life-size dolls. "Snow White and the Seven Kappas," and "Momo-Taro (Peach Boy)" will be presented in English at the Orpheum Theatre, Market and Hyde. Performances are 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. today, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. tomorrow. Admission is \$3.00 adults, \$1.50 children.

Kick up your heels to a good Irish jig at the Irish Festival Ball, 8 p.m. at the Jack Tar Hotel. In addition to dancing, there'll be a Miss Ireland Contest. Cover charge is \$5.00.

Sunday, 26th Take your pick of flower displays, gourmet foods, or handmade crafts at Golden Gate Park's Hall of Flowers. The **Sogetsu Kai** of Northern California Floral Display will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A "Handicraft Harvest" will be held in the auditorium from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will offer samples of exotic foods and unique handmade crafts. Both exhibitions are free.

A Jazz Concert will wind up the Bicentennial Heritage Free Concerts Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Fort Barry Parade Grounds. John Hande will play his saxophone in addition to the Joel Dorham Afro-Laton Sextet, and the U.C. Jazz Ensemble. Bring a blanket

and enjoy this open air concert on the secluded Marin headlands.

Monday, 27th Phone the Performing Arts Workshop located at 340 Presidio Ave., and check into their low cost dance and acting classes. After paying \$5.00 for registration, class fees are either minimal or free. Classes are offered for three-year-olds through adults and are held mornings, afternoons, and evenings to fit most schedules. A variety of dance, exercise, and acting classes are held. Call 931-9228 for details.

Tuesday, 28th The Grand National presents a combination of livestock show, horse show, and rodeo through November 2. To fully appreciate the show, though, allow time to visit the livestock exhibits in the barns beforehand and feel the atmosphere of tension and excitement in preparation for this final show on the rodeo circuit. Admission varies from \$2.50 to \$6.50. The grounds open at 8 a.m. daily, but the show isn't until 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 7 p.m. Sunday, with additional 2 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday.

Wednesday, 29th A program of music for double reed instruments will be performed on oboe and English horn at the Exploratorium, 8 p.m. for 25¢. Selections will include Benjamin Britten, Louis Bass, and Beethoven.

Thursday, 30th Get ready for Halloween by renewing your acquaintance with Frankenstein, Dracula, and Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde at the Gateway. Phone 421-3353 for time and price.



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Stopping Motion



To stop motion you will need fast shutter speeds. While this may seem fairly obvious, the trick is to find out just how fast a shutter speed you need to photograph a particular subject at a given speed of movement. For those photogs that seem to be able to handhold their cameras at incredibly slow speeds, I'll get to you in a minute.

First, let's look at the relationship between shutter speeds and aperture (diaphragm openings). In order to maintain constant exposure, you must remember that everytime one of those two controls (shutter speed or aperture) is moved, you must also move the other. For comparison purposes, let's take a color negative film such as Kodacolor X (ASA 80). The basic exposure, outdoors, bright sunlight, is 125 shutter speed, f-11 aperture. Need a little more speed? Try 250 shutter, f-8 aperture. Still more speed needed? How about 500 shutter, 5.6 F-stop? In other words, everytime you increase the shutter speed, you must also increase the aperture. At this speed, you can capture a polevaulter at the moment he clears the bar, a broad jumper in midair, etc. a crucial play at homeplate. While this allows you to get a sharp image on your film, there may be times when you wish to show a little blur to suggest movement. The trick is to use a shutter speed that will stop most of the movement but not all of it. There are no hard or fast rules, you must try this on your own, since you must understand how it works before you can use the knowledge effectively. About the best investment you can make is shooting a roll of film at very fast shutter speeds with a relatively large aperture and look at the results.

I'll have something on slow shutter speeds and panning in the next column.



FIND IT

If anyone can tell us where this beast is located on post, he or she will receive a week's free subscription to the STAR PRESIDIAN and get their name(s) mentioned in the paper. This could be a challenge, because about half the post walks or rides by this thing every day.

PS from SP:

Yield to pedestrians in a crosswalk.

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Saturday, Oct 25 The Four Musketeers (PG) 6 p.m., 8 p.m.

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International Women's Year

Women's S.F. conference

By Carol Cronin

What are the concerns and needs of women in San Francisco? The status of women, both locally and internationally, will be the theme of the San Francisco International Women's Year Conference this Friday and Saturday, October 24-25.

The conference was organized by the United Nations Center to reinforce the International Women's Year theme of "Equality, Development, Peace," according to Margaret Leahy, the education coordinator of the United Nations Association of San Francisco.

Mayor Joseph Alioto will speak at the opening ceremonies Friday at 9 a.m., followed by a keynote address by Mrs. Annie Jagge, Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals in Ghana. Laura Allende, ex-Senator from Chile and sister of ex-President Salvador Allende, will give the luncheon address.

A panel in the morning will discuss stereotyping and women's rights under the law. In the afternoon a

panel will turn specifically to local problems and encourage those attending to participate in developing a plan of action.

Saturday, Ambassador Davidson Nicol, Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, will give the keynote address. The luncheon address will be given by Mildred Persinger, chairperson for the International Women's Year Tribune in Mexico City.

The United Nations Association has organized the conference to focus on "the realities women face today and the potential they have for tomorrow." Margaret Leahy says they hope to receive feedback throughout the conference from the women attending. Part of the conference's intention is to inspire in women the self-understanding of their inherent capabilities, thereby releasing them to pursue with confidence their goals and aspirations.

The conference is \$3.50 each day to attend, \$7.50 if the luncheon is included.



In 1975 the United Nations took steps to recognize the achievements and capabilities of womankind by proclaiming International Women's Year 1975. The Army was steps ahead of the United Nations when it opened virtually all of its military occupations to women. Specialist Four Denise Kruckman, a parachute rigger assigned to XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, displays her capability at repairing a parachute. She is jump qualified, capable of jumping with any parachute she packs.

Women take on male roles (successfully)

by Peter Haugen

reprinted from the MDW Post

This year, 1975, the Department of Defense, along with other federal agencies and departments is observing International Women's Year—as proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly. August 1, 1975 through July 31 of next year has been officially proclaimed Federal Women's Program Year. In the context of continuing affirmations of sexual equality and the apparent success of more and more women in previously male-dominated fields it might be easy to interpret the year as a simple recognition of women's achievements. One could be tempted to see it as a culmination of feminist thought.

One official who doesn't see it that way is Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger who endorsed a set of objectives for the Department's observation of IWY. Besides recognition of women's roles and accomplishments, the objectives call for aggressive initiatives to expand the active role of women in Defense.

The goals include a continued striving "to provide men and women alike with an equal opportunity for patriotic service in the all-volunteer military forces...."

Another is to encourage the concept that the common defense is an equal responsibility of all citizens "and through innovative and aggressive initiatives" to encourage the active role of women.

The key here is the idea that women must continue to strive: the battle is not won. The fact that we call it a battle tells us something.

Even as women make greater and greater strides in eliminating the gap between opportunities and accomplishments of men and themselves, the attitudes that have so long held women in a place apart from the "real" world of men still flourish.

Former Director of the Women's Army Corps, Brigadier General Mildred C. Bailey has characterized the remaining barriers to women's opportunities as based in stereotypes.

Standardized mental pictures, often deeply rooted in traditional roles, traditional fears and hang-ups, are what women and men in the Army and the other services must overcome.

Brig. Gen. Bailey said, "We are bombarded everyday with words, pictures and actions that build up and

solidify stereotypes and myths concerning women." She cited television commercials, jokes, witicisms and plain old ingrained cultural myths as perpetuating the empty, old-fashioned and limited view of women as hangerson—as nurses in a world of doctors, as secretaries in a world of managers or as sexy scenery that talks.

The point of all this, of International (or Federal) Women's Year whether observed by the Army, DoD or anybody else, is not that everything has to change any more than it's a recognition that women have already arrived.

Women in West Point?!

A select group of young women will remember 1976 as more than the nation's 200th birthday. About 100 women will remember the Bicentennial as the year they entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and joined the Class of '80—the Academy's first coed class. The number of women in subsequent classes will be based on the Army's needs.

Lt. Gen. Sidney B. Berry, USMA Superintendent, views admission of women to West Point as "the most significant change in the 173-year history of the Academy." To support that change, his staff began preparation and planning more than a year ago in anticipation of a law granting admission of women.

The recently approved law says standards for appointment, admission, training, graduation and commissioning of women will be the same as for men, but allows for adjustments because of physiological differences.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens—at least 17 but not yet 22 years of age on July 1 of the year they enter—must not be married and may not marry until after graduation—and meet academic, physical and medical standards.

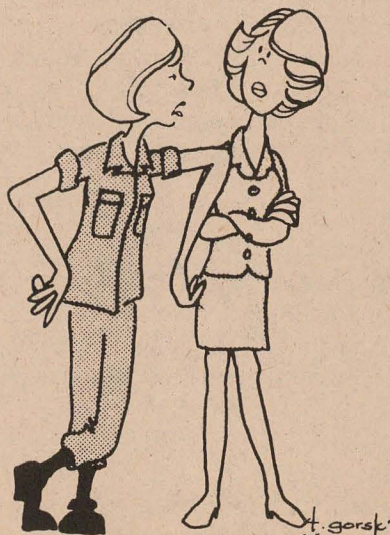
Women will compete with men from all admissions categories for appointment to West Point. The U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School at Ft. Monmouth, N.J., also will accept women. A special class will begin at the prep school early next year to prepare about 30 women for admission to West Point in 1976.

Women cadets will be fully integrated into the Corps of Cadets. They will be billeted within several of the companies. Plans are now underway to design a new uniform for women. Design instructions require their dress complement uniforms worn by men

while adhering to West Point tradition.

Military training for men and women will be identical except where physiological differences require changes. The superintendent has authority to make minor adjustments in achievement standards because of these differences. Women cadets, for example, will not engage in boxing or wrestling. They will, however, be trained in self-defense.

Women cadets will be permitted to receive airborne training but will not take Ranger training which develops combat leadership skills. Women will be assigned to non-combat branches and after graduation will go from commissioning directly to their branch officer's basic course. (ANF)



...AND THEN HE ASKED ME IF I HAD A DATE FOR THE FIELD MANEUVERS!

How do Presidians feel?

We asked a few people from the Presidio what they thought of women being admitted to West Point starting next fall. The following is a very small sampling of the variety of reactions these women will no doubt come up against.

1LT Sandra Colaw, Executive Officer, WAC Medical Company "It's a good idea. Women are doing as much for the Army as men, and are as capable." When asked if she would have gone to West Point if that option had been available when she entered the military, she said, "I doubt it, but I would have considered it. If I had gone, I think I would have been able to cope with the strictness."

CPT Dennis Hall, Operations Training Officer, Provost Marshal's Office, in charge of the physical aptitude tests held here quarterly for West Point applicants "I think it's alright. There are few jobs where women would be at a disadvantage. Congress hasn't approved combat arms jobs for women, but other than that there are few limitations. There is plenty of opportunity for women as officers in a lot of fields, so why not West Point officers?"

SSG Dick Harmon, Supply Sergeant, Medical Company WAC "It's not right. Women won't ever be involved in combat. If they're going to go to West Point, they should accept the full responsibility that any man in the military does. They shouldn't have to make changes in physical training, etc., for them."

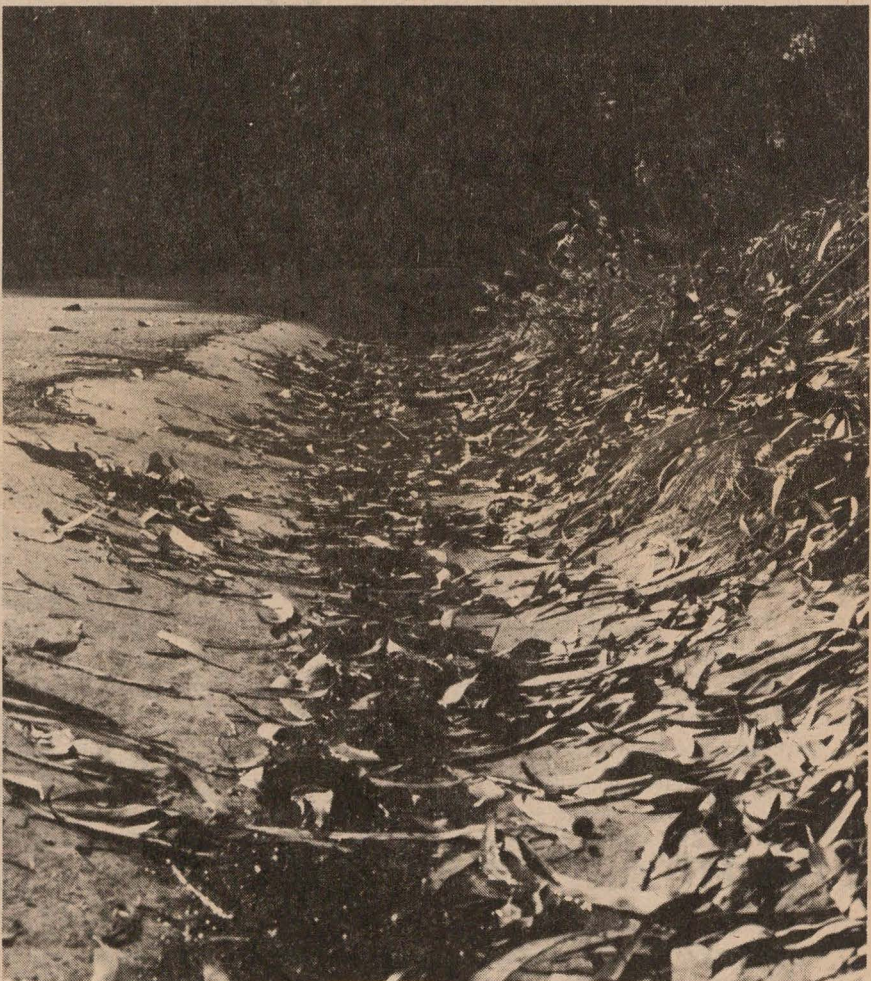
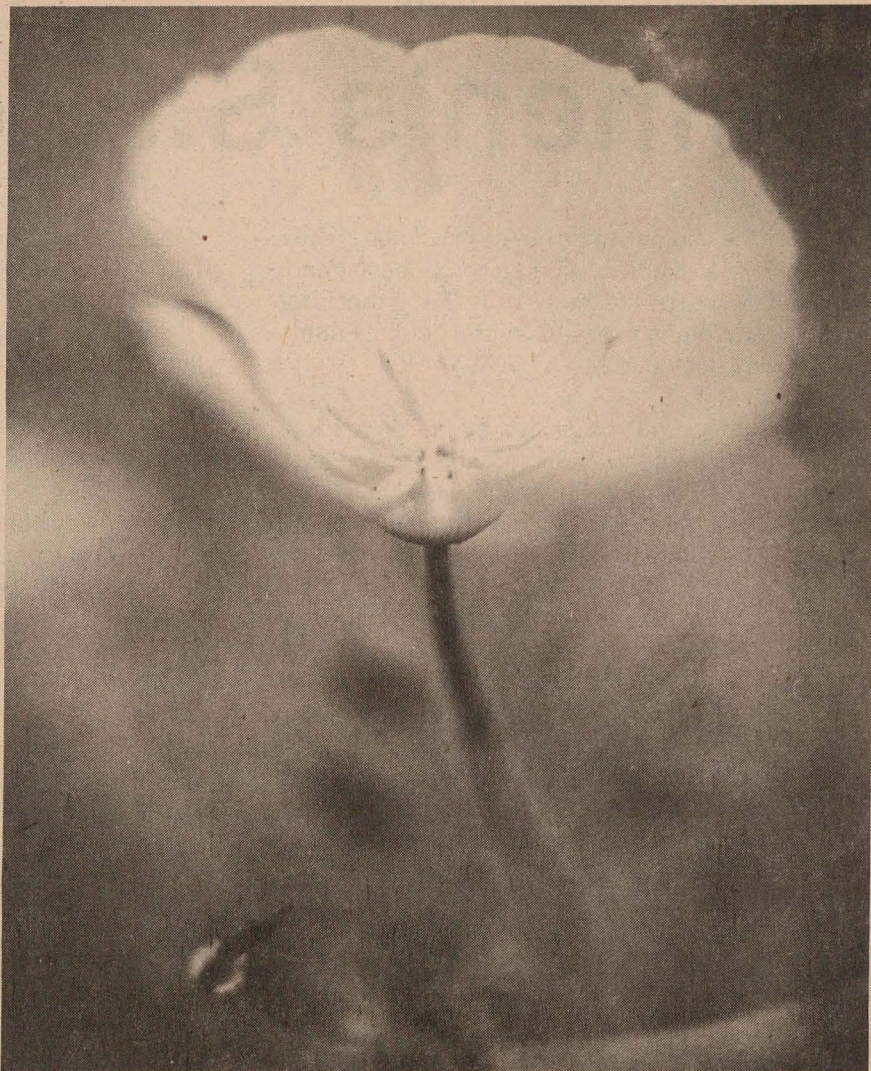
2LT Peter Ramsberger, Medical Company Commander, and a recent graduate of West Point "It's great. It's only fair that there should be that equal opportunity for women. There will have to be adaptability changes, which could be either good or bad. Time will tell, but whatever the results, I think it's great that they'll be admitted."

Leaves, sun and pumpkins:

A photo essay by A.C. Reyes

Fall on the Peninsula

Autumn in San Francisco is one of the more pleasant seasons for the Presidio. The sun makes a few rare appearances, weeping a little. A few leaves fall. Flowers bloom in the fall sun and people use the warm weather to go sailing or simply to recover from the summer chill. Photographer A. C. Reyes, inspired by a little sun, here presents a view of fall on the Presidio.



SPORTS

Commander's Cup point standings as of October 20, 1975:

(The Commander's Cup is awarded to the unit with the best participation in post sports activities. This reflects attendance at games, sports council meetings and team standings.)

Unit	Points
LAMC-67, LAIR-60, WRRRC-55½, HHD-504th MP Bn-54, 170th MP Co-46, 402d MP Co-45½, USA Ref Lab-45, USAG-44½, 864th Engrs-43½, 16th BPO-36, Support Element-35½, AFD-35, 525th MI Gp-26½, USACC-22, ARR IX-17½, Dist Corps Engrs-17, USACIDC-16½, 6A Band-15, Courier Sta-10, 51st Engr Det-10, 163d MP Det-5, OARB-4.	

Scheduled Intramural Flag Football Games

(All games played on PX field, next to post library):	
LAMC No. 1 vs Oakland AR Base	5 p.m.
402d MP vs 170th MP	6:15 p.m.
Lair vs USAG	7:30 p.m.

Intramural Flag Football League Standings as of October 20:

Presidio League	Won	Lost
LAMC No. 1	6	0
170th MP Co	3	3

USAG	3	3
402d Mp Co	2	4
LAIR	2	4
OARB	2	4
Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Dist Corps of Engrs	6	0
LAMC No. 2	5	1
HHD 504th MP Bn	3	3
WRRRC	2	4
864th Engrs	2	4
USA Ref Lab	0	6

Golf/Turkey Shoot

Recreation Services, Sports Branch, will conduct an 18-hole golf turkey shoot, Callaway System, at the Presidio Golf Course, starting 8 a.m., Wed., November 12. Active duty persons assigned to Presidio are eligible. Find out what a golf turkey is...Phone 4120/5032.

Basketball Officials

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the International Basketball Officials Association (IAABO) should call the Ft. Scott Gym, 2070/5238. Officials clinics will be starting soon for those who like to tangle with irate, tall people.

Intramural Basketball

Intramural Basketball season will be starting soon. Fast-moving people with large hands are urged to contact their units and sign up; you'll be getting exercise as well as hanging out with members of the IAABO.

Presidio Bowling (Adult, Junior, Bantam)

Anyone interested in forming an Adult-Junior Bowling League at the Presidio Bowling Center on Monday evenings at 5:30 p.m., should call 688-9644 no later than October 29 for info and sign-up. AJBC membership - \$1.00 bowling fees, \$1.00 per week. WIBC membership - \$2.75. ABC membership - \$3.50. Adult bowling fees - \$1.50 per week, plus prize fund to be determined at the first meeting of the league. If enough people are interested, first meeting will be held at the Presidio Bowling Center, November 3, at 5:15 p.m.

REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL:

All youths (Boys and Girls) between the ages of 9-16 desiring to participate in the forthcoming Youth Basketball Program are urged to register at the Post Gymnasium, Bldg 63, commencing Oct. 27. Dates announcing Basketball clinics and opening date of the Basketball league play will be forthcoming in the very near future. Also urgently needed are parents and volunteer military personnel as coaches. For further information contact the Youth Activities Director, ext 4120/5032.

Squash Tournament

A tourney in this unusual sport is open to all active duty persons assigned to the Presidio. Singles type play. Approximate starting date, October 27. For further information call 4120/5032.

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Staying out of trouble

By C. B. Hoover

"I just can't seem to stay out of trouble! Every time I turn around the First Sergeant seems to be getting on me about something." Does this sound familiar? In most cases if you have been around the Army very long it has become an old song with the tune never changing. But why doesn't the rhythm of the song ever change? What keeps that dull song on the top ten in the Army's hit parade?

Ever since man emerged from the caves and formed groups, there have been the leaders and the followers. Along with being the leader came the responsibility of trying to keep the follower out of trouble.

Years back, a good knock on the head may have solved the problem. Today we talk of using tact, establishing good channels of communication, or basically-good leadership.

Although all the principals of good leadership may be applied, it always seems that one of us has to go and see the first sergeant or the commander. Then there it goes again, someone punches that button, and the juke box starts to play the old tune again.

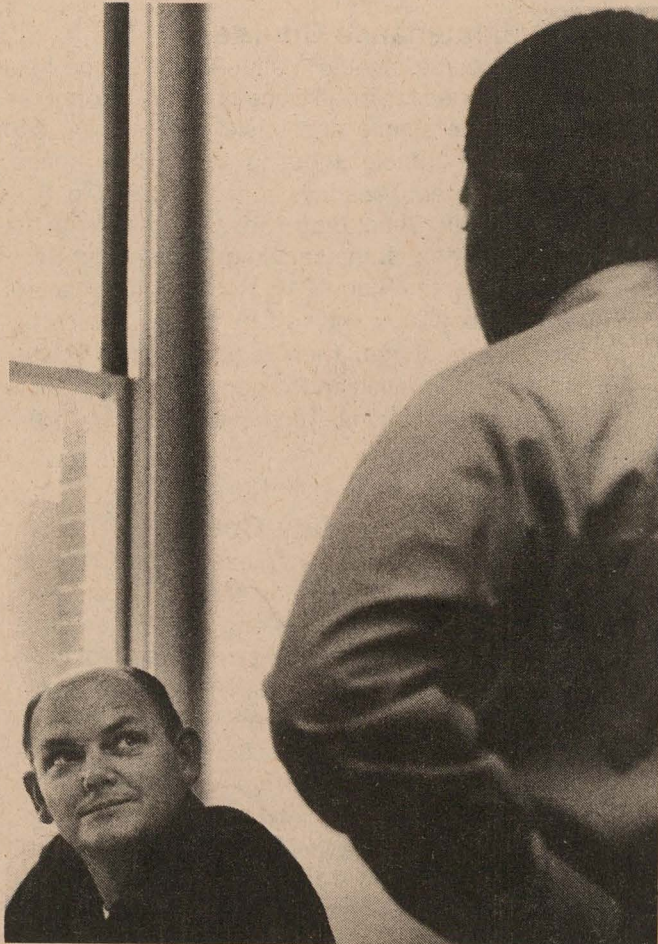
The question is how did we get there in the first place? Were we walking through the garden smelling the flowers and expecting only to be stung by a honey bee, but instead a hornet stung us?

In other words, were we paying attention to something other than our own responsibilities?

Sometimes it would seem that way once we have started up that important chain of command. But, is that really the case? Maybe if we had taken more personal responsibility and done more talking to the men in the chain of command, we might not have been "stung by that hornet." As explained by one ISG, "I would rather give advice any day of the week than have to bring a man in for punishment. It's a crying shame! It seems like the only time I see a soldier is because he's in trouble. A lot of times it could have been averted, had he just dropped in and asked for help. That's what the open door policy is all about. Just that one question could save us, and him, so much."

What's the one problem that seems to occur the most, and causes us to get in trouble most often with the first sergeant or commander?

Photo by C.D. Steen



"I would say that over 80 percent of the soldiers that are brought to the orderly room to see me, or possibly the commander, are there because of one thing—failure to repair."

The excuses they offer for failing to repair may all sound different, but it usually boils down to the same thing and it's called personal responsibility. They over-extend themselves on pass or leave, or they have transportation trouble and can't get to work. It seems that the man will get a car that's so big he can't afford gasoline, or it's in such bad mechanical condition that it shouldn't be on the road in the first place.

"You know, you can understand if someone's car breaks down once in awhile, or that they may run out of gas occasionally, but three times in a week, well where do you go from there?"

Let's take a look at another type of failure to repair that seems to plague not only some of the new soldiers but some of the old vets as well.

"Letters of indebtedness seems to get everyone in trouble across the board," commented another 1SG. "Very seldom is disciplinary action taken, but it does get the man in front of me or the commander."

"The reasons why soldiers get the letters vary, but I would say the majority of them are caused by two things, easy credit and personal responsibility. The men will establish credit accounts in too many places. Then when the bills become due it hits them. They have overextended themselves financially."

"I would recommend to everyone to take a hard look at what's coming in, and what has to go out in bills, before committing themselves to buying anything on credit."

Around and around we go, where our problems stop, no one seems to know. It's something that haunts us all the time, and invariably leads us into other problems.

The last problem that finds us knocking on the orderly room door is personal appearance. As stated by one PFC, "It all seems to start when we are told to polish our boots, get a haircut, or get the patches sewn on our uniforms. We think hard about it, and we are going to do it, but like many other things we keep putting it off. Before you realize it, you're too broke to do it, or it's just too late, and then you find yourselves being corrected again." Sound like a problem of responsibility?

By no means have we covered all the problems that send us to the orderly room to see the first sergeant or the commander. The truth of the matter is that we have barely scratched the surface. One thing we could try to remember is that we're all in the same Army together with many of the same responsibilities. Whenever we start working together, instead of against one another, a very important thing could happen—communications. The chain of command is a part of the communications channel, and if we use it properly, coupled with personal commitment to ourselves and each other, some of our problems may be solved before they get us into trouble.

Check writers face new restrictions

Repeat abusers of the free check-cashing service offered by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) are to be faced with a new restriction: suspension of the personal check-cashing privilege.

That disclosure came from Major General C. W. Hospelhorn, AAFES commander, who announced that "those who pass two bad checks within a six-month period at any AAFES activity will be denied the privilege for six months. The issuance of more than two dishonored checks within that period will mean permanent loss of the AAFES check-cashing privilege."

Previously, persons who cashed dishonored checks could have the privilege restored after making restitution. This no longer will be the case.

According to Gen. Hospelhorn, the AAFES check verification network, which joins terminals at cashiers' stations to central computers, can identify a repeat bad-check passer. "AAFES intends to make full use of all systems available to stop those who abuse this service."

Gen. Hospelhorn said he is receiving "full backing" of military commanders in the drive to stamp out an abuse which annually has cost the serviceman and woman over a million dollars. He added that statements sent to commanders of dishonored-check writers will include mention of the stringent new policy.

"AAFES will not let the honest soldier and airman bear the cost of this dishonest practice," he reaffirmed. "Honest patrons—the vast majority of those who use the check-cashing service—may continue to use the service without inconvenience. This new policy will only make it tougher on the bad-check writer."



Photo by A. C. Reyes

Tonight is the night! Little ghouls, goblins, ghosts - and witches - will be bounting the dark areas of the Presidio. They will come to your door with the traditional greeting of Trick or Treat. Many will roam back and forth across streets. The Star Presidian is asking motorists, and people selecting to remain behind closed doors, to "Think Safety" - so the same Halloween characters will be around to haunt next year.

RAMBLIN' SAM

What's your biggest gripe?



Miss Gretchen Barnes:
"My biggest gripe is when I can't get supplies when I need them. Also, when something needs to be repaired, it takes so long to be taken care of."



PFC Brenda Jackson:
"I'm married and I'm being sent to Korea. My gripe is that my husband won't be able to be assigned with me."



1LT Stephen Simonton:
"The extra duties and details on this post are not spread out equally. It seems only two basic units pull the bulk of the extra duties. And the lower EM's seem to get the most of the extra duties. I'd like to see details distributed more equally."



SP4 Liz Myers: "I've got only a year to go in the Army and I'm being sent to Germany. It's a waste of government money and an inconvenience to me."

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PS from SP:

Your vote is essential to freedom. Vote on November 4.

News notes

Presidio Women's Club Christmas Bazaar

The Presidio Women's Club will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on November 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Presidio Officers' Open Mess. All Presidio military and civilian personnel are invited.
This will be a good chance for you to select a unique Christmas gift early and also help your Army community at the same time says Julie Askew, in charge. Money received helps support scholarships and Army charities.

Auto Maintenance Course

A new course in Auto Maintenance will be held from November 4 through December 18. This course will cover the simple and basic unit removal and replacement, trouble shooting and minor repairs. Classes will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Auto Crafts Shop, Bldg. 662. On Thursdays, the class will be held at the same time at the Fort Scott Education Center, Bldg. 1216, Room 31. The class is open to both military and civilian men and women at least 18 years of age. There is no fee for this class. For further information and to sign up, call the Education Center, Vocational-Technical Dept., at extensions 4445/4900.

Sex Roles and Society Course

A Sex Roles and Society course by the City College of San Francisco will be held on post. This course will explore the status and role of women in contemporary society and how sex-role stereotyping influences self concepts, educational and job opportunities. Emphasis will be given to the strategies, policies and laws necessary to create new or alternative options and life styles for women and men. The class will be held at the Education Center from Nov. 3, 1975 through Jan. 14, 1976 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. This course is free to California residents, military personnel and dependents stationed in California less than one year. For others the tuition is \$107.40. Seventy-five percent tuition assistance is available to qualified military personnel. For further information or to enroll, call the College Department at Fort Scott Education Center, extensions 4445/4900.

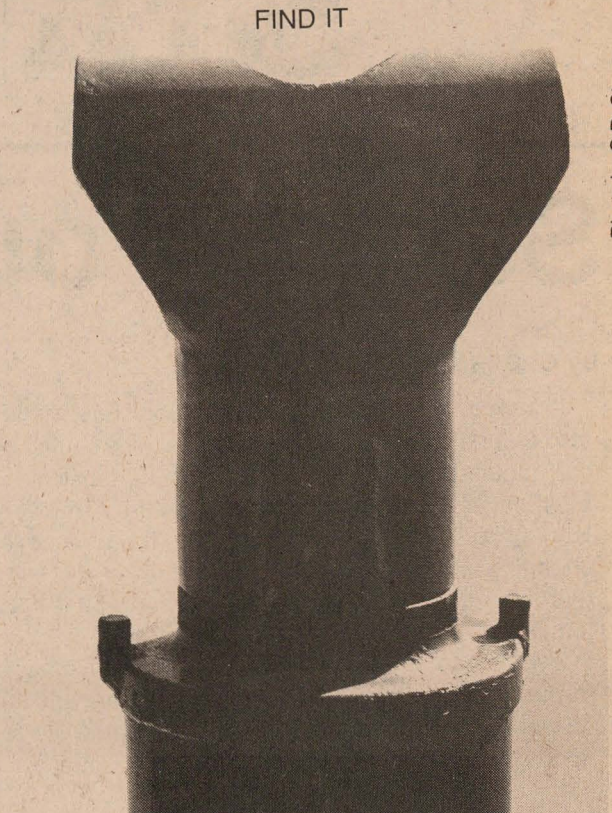
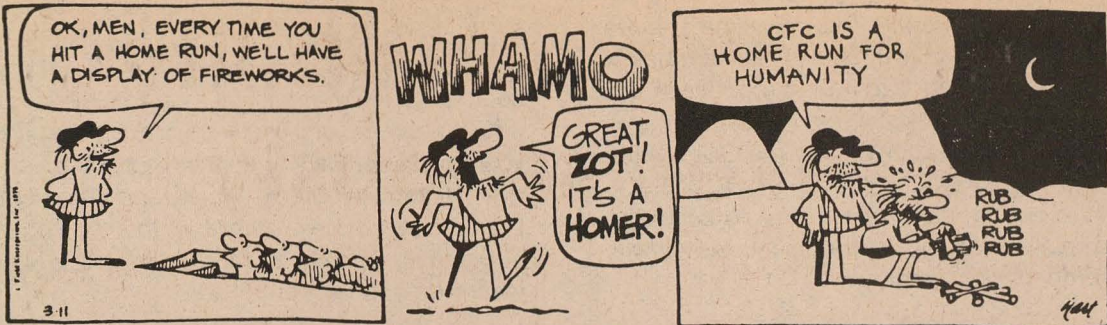


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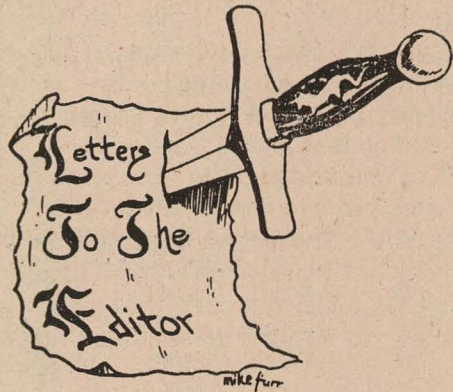
Two observant Presidio soldiers, SP4 Jim Savell and SSG J.S. Schorr, called the SP only 30 minutes after the paper hit the stands to identify last week's "Find It" as the butt-end of the French Cannon which sits out front of the Presidio Army Museum. This weeks "Find It" may be harder. People working at 6th Army Headquarters see it all the time. Know what it is?

Expectant Parent Classes

Expectant parent classes will be given at Letterman Army Medical Center on six consecutive Mondays starting November 3 and ending December 8. Classes will cover care during pregnancy, care of the mother after delivery, labor and delivery, and care of the newborn. Classes are given at Letterman Army Medical Center, Professional Staff Conference Room, third floor from 7 to 9 p.m. All expectant parents are invited to attend. For registration, call the Community Health Nurse at 561-2003 or 561-4994.



CFC is ended for this year—at press time we didn't have the final tally, but we promise it for next issue.



To the Soldiers of the Presidio:
When is the last time you were given a choice of Article 15 or Court Martial? When you say, "I'll accept an ART 15" and put your old "John Henry" on the line, you are in fact telling your commander that you are going to trust his decision as to whether or not you are guilty as accused, and his decision as to what punishment, if any, within the legal limits will be imposed.
With that in mind, there are really two viewpoints from which to look at the Non-Judicial System. If you just got caught committing a minor infraction, the ART 15 can be a blessing. You sure do hope the unit commander can take care of the punishment before the higher echelons get involved. You know you're guilty, and why not get punished by the person who can apply the least maximum and at the same time not make a "federal case" out of it.
The other viewpoint is not so pleasant. Many safeguards to protect the serviceperson's rights are built into the system; however, the end result is that

the person making the decision as to your guilt or innocence is probably the same person that had the paperwork typed up in the first place. The chance that the commander has already made up his mind as to your guilt or innocence cannot be overlooked. That prior decision is also very hard to prove.
Of course, the punishment may not have been decided yet but that's hard to prove also. You are given the right to seek legal advice but don't expect a military lawyer to tell you to demand a court-martial. They will give you excellent advice as to your rights, but the decision is yours. That is a H--- of a choice.
If you know in your mind that you are innocent of the charge as written, the decision is easier. If you know that you are guilty but might beat the charge, it's your gamble. Good luck and don't forget to look into the appeal procedure if you feel shafted.
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Not all toys safe —

By A. C. Reyes

With Christmas practically upon us, parents, (and children) are eyeing the bewildering array of toys currently available.

From Barbie dolls to G.I. Joes, from the old favorite lil' red wagon to a complete tea set, never before has such a variety of toys been available to today's children.

Estimated by experts to be a three billion a year industry, toy manufacturing has indeed come a long way from dolls, balls, and hula hoops. And while it is a veritable paradise for the children, it certainly does not make the parent's task any easier selecting a suitable, enjoyable plaything.

Some toys are not entire safe. A toy is going to be chewed, bounced, twisted, soaked, dropped, battered, etc., etc. If the toy can stand up to that abuse without becoming dangerous to little tykes, then it can be considered a safe toy.

Toy manufacturers, sensitive to criticism, have submitted recommendations on toy safety to the National Bureau of Standards. Even so, responsibility for toy safety rests ultimately on the parents.

When buying a toy, look for labels, tags, instructions, etc., on the package. You'll no doubt find that most manufacturers classify toys as suitable to a particular age group. Obviously, a toy given to a child that's too old for it is usually a waste of time. At the other end of the scale, a too-sophisticated toy will only cause frustration to a young child.

Once you have chosen a toy, teaching the child how to play safely with it is next. After all parents are expected to do this, and it is fun!

In the interest of child safety, and to provide some information on things to watch out for when buying toys, the following is a partial list.

Sharp Points. Broken toys can expose dangerous prongs and sharp points. Pins and staples in doll's clothes, hair and accessories can stab an unsuspecting child. Stuffed toys that have barbed eyes or wired limbs that can cut or stab.

Electric Toys. Electric toys that are improperly constructed, wired or misused can shock or burn. These toys must meet mandatory requirements for maximum surface temperatures, electrical construction and prominent warning labels. Toys with heating elements are recommended only for children over eight years old. And children should be taught how to use these toys!

Sharp Edges. Toys made of plastic that is brittle, or glass that can be easily broken, exposing dangerous cutting edges. Wooden, metal and plastic toys sometimes have sharp edges due to poor construction.

Loud Noises. Toy caps and other noise making guns, and other toys can produce noise levels that can damage hearing. The law requires the following label on boxes of caps producing noise above a certain level: "WARNING - Do not fire closer than one foot to the ear. Do not use indoors."

Small Parts. Tiny toys and toys with small removable parts can be swallowed or become lodged in a child's windpipe. The squeakers in some squeeze toys can be removed and possibly swallowed. The seams of improperly constructed stuffed dolls or animals can break open and release small pellets that can be swallowed or inhaled.

Wrong Toy for Wrong Age Group. Toys that may be perfectly safe for older children can be extremely dangerous in the hands of little ones.

Propelled objects. Projectiles - guided missiles and similar flying toys can be turned into weapons, and can injure eyes in particular. Children should never be allowed to play with adult lawn darts or other hobby or sport equipment with sharp points. Arrows or darts used by children should have soft cork tips, rubber suction cups or other protective tips designed to prevent injury.



FOCUS

Slow shutter speeds

By A. C. Reyes



In last week's column we talked about using a fast shutter speed to arrest motion. Now let's talk about the other end of the scale, the slow speeds.

Slow shutter speeds, when used to photograph non-static subjects, will allow you to enter into a dream world, a dream world where you can capture what's happening now, and not just a tiny slice of it.

Even the most common subject will take on a new meaning when using slow shutter speeds. (1/60 - 1/30, or less.) The only suggestion I can give is that you try photographing a wide variety of subjects. Here, what you are doing really is playing with time and space. Shoot one or two rolls, and check your results.

At these slow speeds, you'll probably find out that if you are shooting a moving subject, it will have a tendency to move out of your frame. A little judicious panning should take care of that. Panning is nothing more than following the action with your camera. Just look thru your viewfinder, (it is easier with a rangefinder, with an SLR, it takes just a bit more practice), and keep the lens pointing towards the subject. You may have to do a bit of dry firing to get the hang of it.

It is better if you move from the waist. In other words, keeping your feet in place, and sighting thru the viewfinder, rotate from the waist, following your subject. Start swinging the camera smoothly just before you press that shutter, and keep moving until the shutter completes its cycle.

The photographs obtained using these techniques will show, and convey, a sense of motion.

Here are some ideas: Children swinging happily at the playground, sliding down that long slide, or putting your camera on a tripod, use a slow exposure (a cable release comes in handy here) of children spinning in a merry-go-round. The blur and colors will excite you and your friends when you show your prints around.

Voting a responsibility to be taken seriously

by Mark Weiss

from MDW POST

Winston Churchill remarked that democracy is the worst system of government devised by man, except for all the others.

Growing up in modern America, many of us tend to take voting for granted. Yet the privilege of voting is something for which millions of people have fought and died.

During the Bicentennial year of 1976 this country will be holding its forty-eighth Presidential election. We will also elect 435 congressmen, 33 Senators, a number of governors, and thousands of state, county, and municipal officials. Why should we vote? How do we vote? Since many people in MDW will be voting for the first time in 1976, now is a good time to start getting answers to some of these questions.

First of all, voting is an expression of individual or group opinion by means of a recorded ballot. It is not always synonymous with democracy. Many dictatorships have mock "voting," such as in Russia, where the people can either "vote" for the one candidate on the ballot or not at all. What makes voting truly democratic in the United States are two things: (1) we are free to choose from a number of different and competing candidates and political parties; and (2) the elected leaders can later be removed from office by the people through peaceful, constitutional means.

These two principles were firmly established when the Constitution was ratified in 1789. It took a revolution against the king of England to establish them. And yet when the first elections were held in this country only a tiny minority of the people were allowed to vote. You had to be a white man, over 21, and own a certain amount of property. In Maryland, you also had to be a non-Catholic.

It wasn't until the Jacksonian era of the 1830's that all white men, regardless of income or religion, were allowed to vote.

Then it took another 90 years for women to get the vote.

And Black's, while formally getting that right in 1868, were not really able to vote in large numbers in the South until after the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

So it's been a long, hard haul, even in the U.S. of A. And yet many of us who do have the right to vote don't even bother to exercise that right. We simply shrug our shoulders and ask "What difference does it make?"

It makes a big difference. First of all, the federal, state and local governments chosen by our ballots make decisions which affect how much we pay for food, energy, housing, and goods, where we live, where we work, how we get to work, or even if we work.

In the case of Army personnel the relationship is very clear cut. Congress decides how much we get paid. And the President and Congress together decide whether or not to send us off to war. A life and death matter for us and thousands of others, yet the decision could hinge on a single Senator's vote.

"Their votes, but our lives," you grumble. Not really. Because we elected them, or should have, if we'd bothered to vote. But then you say: "What does one vote matter in an election involving thousands or even millions of people?"

Well consider this: In the 1974 elections, the United States Senator from North Dakota was elected by only 10 votes. And in New Hampshire, the final tally was so close (a 2-vote margin) that after seven months of debate the



Senate finally decided to call a whole new election.

What about on a national scale? In 1960 John F. Kennedy beat Richard Nixon by only 110,000 votes out of 69 million ballots. Because of the nature of our Electoral College system, if only 4,500 voters in Illinois and 32,500 in Texas had switched to Nixon, Kennedy would not have won the election.

National elections are not always this close, state and local elections are frequently decided by margins of several votes. You and your friends could be the deciding factor. A paper ballot or a voting machine may not look like much, but it can change the course of history — if you use it.

Kaiiii!

Self defense takes many forms

Martial Arts are becoming more popular in the military, both as body conditioners and as means of self-defense. Here, A.C. Reyes, sometime martial arts student, tells about the main formes of unarmed martial arts and what one can do with them.

Pentjak-silat, Bando, Chi-chi...

What do these strange sounding words have in common? You say you have no idea? Well then what about Karate, Judo, Aikido, Kick Boxing, Tae Kwon Do? Right! These are all forms of Martial Arts, and without doubt, some of the most fascinating means of self-defense in existence today.

Servicemen returning from Thailand will regale you with seemingly improbable stories of boxers climbing into the ring and then proceeding to beat the stuffing out of their opponents using their fists, elbows and feet. It is rare to have a match end by decision. It is that brutal. The boxers, of course, are not allowed to wear shoes. Instead, cotton anklets are worn, and conventional gloves are used on the hands. The matches are fought otherwise like any other boxing match. A referee, officials, time limits and so on.

Servicemen stationed in Japan or Okinawa will tell you about Judo and Karate, probably the better known self defense sports, along with Aikido. In Judo, a white, sturdy, canvas-like coat, trousers and a belt, of the same material denoting the wearer's rank, are used. There is much grappling of the lapels of the *gi*, and the newcomer is thoroughly drilled in the art of breaking his fall *before* being taught the throwing techniques.

There are throws, locks and holds, and choking techniques, the last two usually taught under the watchful eyes of a senior instructor. There are also disarming techniques, defense against knives, clubs, etc.

A good judo match is a thing of beauty to watch. The two opponents bow to each other, close in, and to the untrained observer seem intent in examining in

minute detail the texture of each other's coat lapels. Then, incredibly fast, almost faster than the eye can follow, one of the protagonists is suddenly measuring the mat with his own body. There is a loud thump, and if it was a clean throw, that signifies the end of that particular round or fall. The winner takes two falls out of three, pretty much like a conventional wrestling match. In some instances, however, the two opponents must grapple on the mat and try to apply a lock, choke, or hold on the other, the idea being to try and get the opponent to submit. Three taps on the mat or one's body, or the opponent's body is the signal that somebody has had enough. This is strictly enforced. The immense popularity of Judo is testified to by the fact that it has been included in the Olympics.

Aikido, a little understood self-defense concept, is neither exercise, combat technique nor a sport, but in a sense is all of these things. Aikido can best be described as mind and body (some practitioners say mind over matter) working together, in an amazing concept of body mechanics, and based on force that is applied along continuity lines. It is for this very reason that spectators at an Aikido match or demonstration invariably come out with the feeling that they have missed something. They marvel at the ease with which the *sensei* disposes of his adversaries. The moment an opponent puts his hands on the sensei, he gets thrown almost instantaneously. If there's a technique that deserves the term "natural rhythm", this is it. There is a free flow of your own personal expression that offers no conflict with nature, and since this expression is infinitely varied, aikido's techniques are almost unlimited.

Karate was first established as a system of barehand fighting, although the *karateka* may be facing an armed enemy. The term karate means empty hand, but seeing the conditioning and toughening of hands and feet that karatekas put themselves thru, they might as well be wearing brass knuckles and steel tipped boots! Punching, kicking, blocking, jumping, dodging, and parrying are all used.

There are quite a few books on Karate at the library. Try and get some of Oyama's books, they are among the best, profusely illustrated with clear, easy-to-read texts. Moral character development is emphasized. Most of the techniques stress the physical education aspect and sporting competition, and self defense is not considered the main point. This is not to say that Karate is ineffectual as a means of self



Photo by A.C. Reyes

Blayne Brown, a Karate Brown Belt holder, demonstrates a forward kick.

defense! One of the most effective and functional styles is Mas Oyama's *Kyokushin* style. He is the man who kills a bull with one blow of his bare hand.

Tae Kwon Do, is a very popular empty hand combat form which utilizes the entire body. The name alone should be warning enough: Tae - to kick or smash with the feet. Kwon - to destroy or punch with the fist or hand. Do- system or way. It is Korean in origin, and very effective, but to say that Tae Kwon Do is merely a technique of unarmed combat would not be quite proper. It is also a system of training both the mind and the body, and great emphasis is placed on the development of moral character.

Its techniques include punching, flying kicks, blocks, dodges and parries, all carried out with such precision and timing that the total effect is utterly devastating. Both hands and feet are used, and tripping, and throwing techniques are also taught.

If you have the opportunity to attend a demonstration, by all means do it. It will be worth every minute of your time.

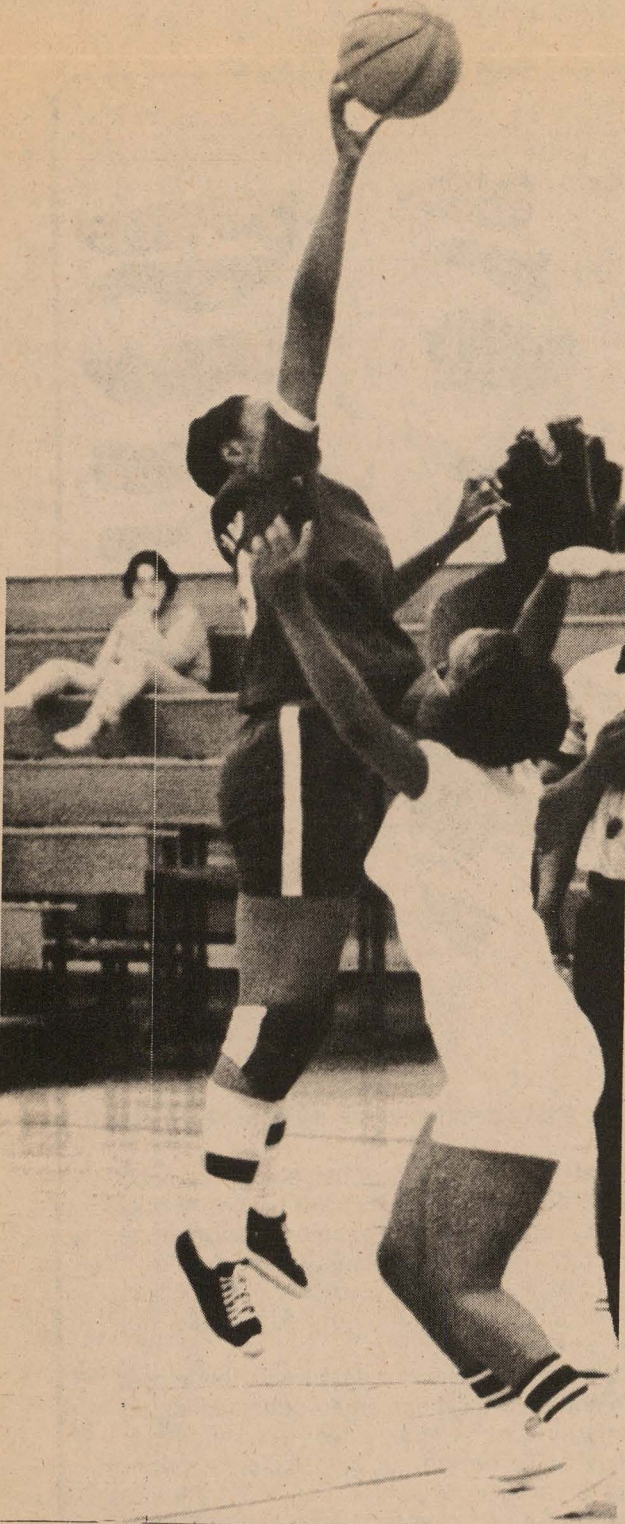


Photo by Donna Seay

Annette Williams of the Presidio women's basketball team, shoots for two points during a game against Oakland Army Base. Presidio won, 49-24.

SPORTS

Scheduled Intramural Flag Football Games

(All games played on PX Field, next to library)

Monday, November 3

170th MP vs USAG5 p.m.
LAIR vs LAMC No. 16:15 p.m.
402d MP Co. vs OARB7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 5

Corps of Engrs vs 504th MP Co.5 p.m.
864th Engrs vs Ref Lab6:15 p.m.
LAMC No. 2 vs WRRRC7:30 p.m.

Youth Flag Football

Minor League	WON	LOST
Dolphins	4	0
Bengals	2	1
Cowboys	1	2
Steelers	0	4

Major League	WON	LOST
Vikings	4	0
Pats	2	2
Bills	1	2
Colts	0	3

Women Cagers

The women's basketball team romped Oakland Army Base October 23, 49-24. The win makes it 6-2 so far for the season. The Post women's team heads south to Ft. Ord, November 2, to take their team on. It's been rumored that Ord has "mythical" 6-footer who shoots hook shots like Wilt Chamberlain.

Trackers

USAG's Gerry Garcia won the 3rd Annual Palo Alto 10-Mile Race, October 19, with a new record time of 50:46 set by Navy's Jim Dake.

Garcia ran against 200 other participants.

He is currently in training with other top distance runners in the Bay area, preparing himself for the Pacific Association AAU Marathon to be run November 2 at Cotati, Ca. Garcia puts in around 140 running miles a week.

Intramural Flag Football League Standings

(to include October 22)

Presidio League	WON	LOST
LAMC No. 1	6	0
170th MP Co.	3	3
USAG	3	3
402d MP Co.	2	4
LAIR	2	4
OARB	2	4

Ft. Scott League	WON	LOST
Dist Corps of Engrs	7	0
LAMC No. 2	6	1
HHD 504th MP Bn	4	3
WRRRC	2	5
964th Engrs	2	5
USA Ref Lab	0	7

Unit Level Sports

A unit level recreation sports program correspondence subcourse has been developed to help improve unit morale, physical fitness and esprit de corps. The subcourse, AG 73, is available from the Army-wide Training Support Division, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. 46216. It is designed to teach planning, direction and coordination of sports programs for both men and women in the unit, and includes guidelines for individual and team sports in league or tournament play.

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6,000 to be reclassified

From clerk to combat

More than 6,000 career soldiers serving in surplus MOSs will be shifted to combat arms skills by the end of 1976 under a mandatory retraining and reclassification program being managed by MILPERCEN.

The new retraining/reclassification program primarily will affect soldiers in grades E-5 through E-7 in overstrength combat support and combat service support MOSs. They will fill NCO positions in understrength combat arms skills—infantry, armor, combat engineer and field and air defense artillery after formal training on-the-job experience.

Many soldiers now serving in overfilled MOSs find their promotion opportunities stymied. Even soldiers on local promotion lists to E-5 and E-6 are blocked from advancement because of high promotion cut-off scores. The high scores reflect the lack of promotion vacancies in overstrength skills.

Soldiers who are retrained to fill combat arms NCO jobs will benefit from formal training and a period of on-the-job training with an experienced counterpart. It will prepare them to compete for assignment, career development and promotion on a par with



According to Staff Sergeant Robert C. Lilley, NCOIC of the Management Section, Presidio personnel office, two soldiers from the Presidio have been picked for this program already. Both were in administrative positions. Lilly says that soldiers will be picked by name and notified by letter.

Initial classes of about 30 soldiers each are to begin training in January, according to MILPERCEN. About 3,000 should be in training or trained by mid-1976; the other 3,000 by December 31, 1976. About 10,000 soldiers will eventually be retrained and reclassified to bolster the NCO ranks in the combat arms.

How selection is to be made

MILPERCEN is screening soldiers' records to select those who mandatorily will be retrained and reclassified. Selection will come from among soldiers:

- Serving in surplus MOSs worldwide.
- With suitable physical profile and job aptitude. They must have a passing score (70) on their last MOS test.
- In a career status: this excludes "first termers"—those on an initial enlistment. Selection will focus on soldiers with at least six years' service.
- Not in a bonus status: this excludes those receiving enlistment (EB), variable reenlistment (VRB), or selective reenlistment bonuses (SRB).
- Not mandatorily reclassified in the last 18 months.

Those selected will represent the entire range of successful soldiers from MOSs with surpluses. They will have the potential for training and successful performance in a new MOS.

Also, soldiers who meet selection criteria may volunteer for the retraining/reclassification program. For the past year MILPERCEN has actively encouraged soldiers to volunteer to change their MOS to understrength skill fields.

Letters to notify selected soldiers

Those involuntarily selected for the program will be notified by letter through their commander. MILPERCEN will reconsider the selection of only those soldiers who for strong military reasons (physical disqualification, etc.) forward within 14 days of notification the required documents supporting requests for deletion from the program.

The prospect of promotion increases greatly for soldiers who retrain in a combat arms or shortage MOS. Vacancies exist at the higher grades in understrength fields for them to be promoted into.

their contemporaries.

In the year following reclassification, soldiers will be able to compete for promotion, schooling or reenlistment using their new or old MOS test scores—whichever benefits them more.

Letters placed in soldiers' official military personnel files (field 201 files for E-5s) will tell DA selection/promotion boards the retraining/reclassification was mandatory and necessary to meet the Army's needs for combat arms NCOs. Soldiers are to be given every promotion consideration. Since only soldiers with a satisfactory record and who are mentally and physically qualified for the new MOS were selected, boards are not to view reclassification adversely.

The upshot of the retraining/reclassification program is that it meets the Army's needs for combat arms NCOs and improves soldiers' career opportunities. (ANF)

In Memoriam



Cabinet changes

President Ford confirmed Monday at a nationally telecast news conference that he was making changes in his cabinet.

One of these was the nomination of Donald H. Rumsfeld, the White House chief of staff, to succeed James R. Schlesinger as secretary of defense.

Other changes in the defense structure were also made public.

Lt. Gen. Daniel Graham confirmed he is retiring as head of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

The 50-year-old Army General, a long-time intelligence specialist, said, "Nobody asked me to retire. I just have great loyalty to Dr. Schlesinger."

Also leaving is assistant Secretary of Defense Robert Ellsworth, head of the Pentagon office dealing with international affairs. He had decided to leave some weeks ago.

Bad discharges reviewed

Until recently, a man who wanted to upgrade a bad discharge had to travel to Washington D.C. This week marked a major change in Army discharge policy. Ex-soldiers who wish to contest a discharge can now go to any of four regional discharge review boards, including one on the Presidio, in addition to the two in Washington.

The Presidio Army Discharge Review Board will hear six cases this week, according to Specialist 5 Larry Marrs, NCOIC of the Presidio board. Marrs says the board is planning to hear even more cases in future months as word of the new policy gets out. The two boards in Washington handled more than 3000 cases last year.

Presidio Discharge Review Boards are composed of a permanent presiding officer, a colonel, and four rotating lieutenant colonels. The four LTCs are picked from a roster and each new case sees four new board members.

What is the rate of success for former servicemen seeking upgraded discharges? There are various answers. A civilian lawyer says the upgrade rate is about 15 percent. An Army spokesman quoted by the San Francisco press gives an 18 percent figure. A spokesman at the Presidio says about 25 percent of the petitioners have their discharges upgraded.

Why do they go to the time and trouble? Many of them simply messed up their Army careers and now regret it. Often a man who received a bad discharge when he was 17 won't think about it again until he is in his late 20s and seeking a good job, then he comes to the board.

Specialist Marrs says that the board gets calls from people in all sorts of situations, even from people in jail who want the bad discharge wiped from their records.

In considering how to review the discharge, the officers of the board read the former soldier's records. Major thought is given to the soldier's conduct both before and after service. Many otherwise fine citizens were not ready for authority at age 17 and couldn't handle Army life.

After appearing before a regional board, a petitioner goes home to await word from Washington where the regional case results are sent for review. The usual wait is about six weeks.

A Presidio bugler plays taps for the four Presidio soldiers who were killed in a car accident last Friday night. Dead are: Sgt. Gregory A. Hicks, Sp4 Eddie K. Williams, PFC Eloise Edwards, and Pvt. Renna M. Dickerson. A memorial service was held Monday for the soldiers at the post chapel where several hundred Presidio personnel and friends came to pay their final respects. Chaplains Burris and Fox, and Hqs. Garrison commander Cpt. Barry Ansel, paid tribute to the soldiers.

Photo by C.D. Steen

News notes

Crafts shop starts charging

The Arts and Crafts shop, responding to a new Department of the Army policy, will begin charging persons using the facilities.

The charge policy is in response to inflation's direct effect on recreation services budget. It is hoped that modest charging for the services will make the crafts shops more self-supportive.

FEES

Ceramic shop:

Fees are charged for the use of ceramic mold and firing:

a. A fee of 40¢ is charged for each mold poured (fee includes firing charges). Participant will receive a receipt upon payment. This receipt must be presented when items are turned in for firing (both bisque and glaze firings.)

b. A fee of 15¢ will be charged for items of pottery fired.

Auto shop:

The following fees and charges will be paid prior to shop usage. In case of repairs requiring more than one day, stall fees will be paid at the beginning of each day.

a. Stall Fees: 50¢ per day for minor repairs (three day time limit per shop SOP); additional 75¢ per day penalty fee for vehicles left over the three day limit. 50¢ per day for major overhauls (10 day time limit per shop SOP); additional \$1.50 per day penalty fee for vehicles left over ten day limit.

b. Grease Rack Fees: \$1.00 per usage. If vehicle is transferred to a stall for other work, no additional fee would be effected.

c. Diagnostic Testing Fees: \$3.50 each usage which includes the following: time, dwell, carburation, wiring, automatic advance and compression.

d. Valve Grinding Fees: Six or eight cylinder - \$3.50 or 60¢ per valve.

e. Tire Balancing Fee: 50¢ per tire.

f. Brake Cylinder Hone: 50¢ per wheel.

For further information call Arts and Crafts Shop, Ph. 4497, Bldg. 122.

Hours of operation: Tues. - Fri. 5 p.m. - 10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday and Monday closed.

The Arts and Crafts Shop has announced that special woodworking classes will be conducted at an announced date, following the Christmas-New Year holidays. The classes are in response for the overwhelming interest the ladies showed October 24, when 40 women showed up at the woodworking shop to create their own woodworking projects. The woodworking instructor, Mark Plumley, and crafts director, John Martinez, are planning future basic and advanced courses in woodworking to be announced at a later date.

Car Pool wanted from Petaluma to PSF. Call Ms. Cook, Ext. 3452/2040.

Action line

Q: Why are the Weekly Bulletin, the STAR PRESIDIAN and all the other things printed every week delivered to the housing areas at the foot of the sidewalks where they can blow onto the lawns, thus causing the owners to be cited by the post police? If we have to receive this stuff, why can't it at least be put where it won't blow away. (no name or phone)

A. The Friday distribution is delivered by volunteers postwide to keep Presidio residents abreast of current PSF community happenings. The volunteers are instructed to deliver material to the occupant's door. Every effort will be made to insure that this policy is adhered to; however, if the quarters area were known, more immediate corrective action could be taken.

Since the individual initiating the query is unknown, telephonic contact could not be made.

S. D. Bowen

Deputy Director, DPCA

Q: I've been having a hassle with quartermaster laundry. I turn my fatigues in just like everyone else. But when the fatigues are picked up by my supply section, my fatigues aren't with them. I've checked with supply and with the first sergeant. Both assure me that they do everything possible to get the laundry back. So I have to blame quartermaster laundry. I've lost \$18.50 already and nothing is being done. (no name or phone)

A: Shortages should be reported immediately to the laundry manager along with the appropriate laundry list so an adjustment can be made or a claim filed.

It is not possible to make a detailed check on this query as no name or organization was provided.

Robert E. Whybrew

Chief, Services Division

Q: Why do officers' kids get to ride to school in military buses while enlisted men's children have to take school buses or depend upon the city? (no name or phone)

A: Absence of a name and telephone number precludes contact with inquirer.

It is not the policy of the Presidio of San Francisco to provide military school buses for officer dependents and require enlisted men dependents to rely on City School, or Municipal Railway Buses. Military bus transportation is provided for those dependent school children of both officers and enlisted men who reside in areas of the Presidio that are not adequately served by City School or Municipal Railway Buses.

Major Svend A. Mejdal

Chief, Transportation Division

PS from SP:

It's raining cats and dogs. Control over petulation.

FIND IT

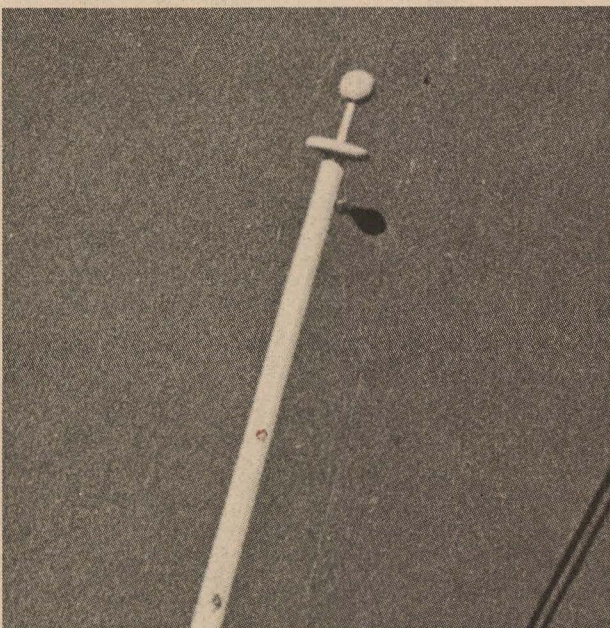


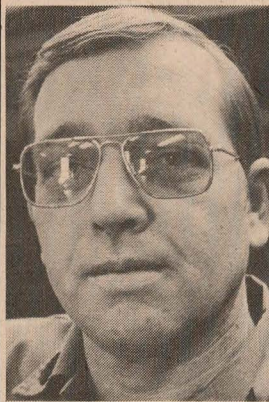
Photo by C.D. Steen

Only the most observant will locate this week's FIND IT.

Last week's FIND IT must have been pretty easy. So many people called in to tell us the object was the muzzle break on Sixth Army's pet tank that we quit counting. The first four people to call in were: SFC Chuck Inman, Sp6 Stephen Friese, Sgt. Norman Carey and Cpt. Charles Brent.

RAMBLIN' SAM

Do you like your job?



First Sergeant Stanley McDaniel, 864th Engineers: "It's a challenge here! Engineers are used to working directly under an engineer battalion. The 864th is responsible to Garrison, which is very different, and brings up certain problems at times. We have quite a few people who are outstanding at their job, but rarely get a chance to show what they are capable of as an Army Engineer. I do enjoy my job as the battalion's "top" and working with my men."



Sp4 Lorie Jensen, 402nd MP Company: "I just like being an MP, but I'd like to specialize in a certain field, rather than just general MP work."

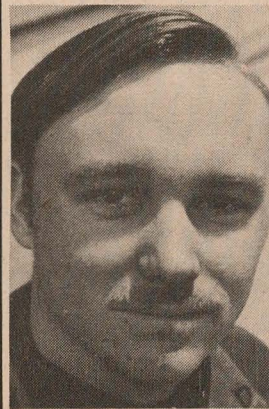


Sp4 Tom Hornak, 51st Engineering Detachment: "I don't like the job I'm presently doing, mainly because I'm not working in the field MOS I was trained for. That job is carpentry. I work at Self-Help and I do odd jobs, rather than what I was trained for and which I prefer to do."



Sp5 Mike Lynch, Western Region Recruiting:

"I am a reenlistment clerk and I have the satisfaction of making sure people who plan to reenlist get their paperwork taken care of properly. To me, it's a meaningful job!"



PFC Dave Bunker, 170th MP Company: "I find my job in a military police company rather exciting. I enjoy what I'm doing, and it helps prepare me for a civilian police career."

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What you bite and what bites you

Don't pet your pet unless it's seen the vet

Story and photos by C. D. Steen

Despite what you may have thought, the post veterinary service does more than just give shots to Fido and the household pussycat.

"Our primary concern is making sure the food that is delivered to this post is consumable," says Staff Sergeant Howard E. Franklin, NCOIC of the Presidio Branch Veterinary Activities. "Taking care of your pet is secondary."

"Our personnel are involved with inspecting the canned, packaged, and unprocessed food items delivered to the Presidio, which ultimately end up at the commissary, snack bars, and dining facilities."

The sergeant explained that not all packaged and canned food is inspected. A certain amount of a delivery is pulled out at random and sampled. There is a 'closed package' inspection, where a packaged item is checked for severe external damage; and an 'open' inspection where the contents are examined



Cpt. Kenneth Genova, post veterinarian, examines a pet while Joann Keller, left, pharmacist for the clinic, assists him. The dog's owner watches.

for contamination. A final 'organoleptic test' is conducted which is the actual cooking and eating of a selected item.

As mentioned, not all packaged food is inspected. However, all meats and certain unprocessed foods are. For example, a food inspector examines the meats that are eventually sold at the commissary, or delivered to the dining facilities. Beef, as an example, comes uncut. The whole meats are hung in a specially temperature-controlled area and is inspected carefully by the inspector for unusual odors, which could indicate spoilage, discoloration, or bacterial growth.

All this is done as soon as the products are delivered on post.

Besides food inspection, the veterinary service inspects buildings where food is handled for sanitation.

"We make monthly inspections at facilities that utilize food products, such as the commissary and dining places," said Franklin. "These areas must be kept hygienic so as not to contaminate food before it is consumed. At ration breakdown points, where food going directly to the dining facilities is checked, no food item is allowed to pass without it being fully checked."

"We are not a full veterinary service such as civilian veterinary hospitals," mentioned Franklin. "Services we do perform at the clinic are animal vaccinations, treating of certain skin ailments, and, by special, appointment only, examinations. Shots are given on a first come-first-served basis. We don't have an emergency service, but if a doctor is on hand should an animal be brought in during an emergency, all that can be done for the animal will be done."

"We don't perform routine surgeries, such as spaying, nor do we board animals anymore. The reason for the lack of services, as compared to the outside, is that we just don't have the personnel and time to do them."

Though there is no fee for the veterinarian service,



Whole beef hangs in a special temperature-controlled area of the commissary where food inspector, Dan Grosman, examines the meat.

the cost of supplies used in animal care is borne by the pet owner. This includes shots.

The Presidio veterinary clinic has another function, and that is animal quarantine. Any animal that has been known to bite someone is automatically put in the clinic's quarantine cages for 10 days for observa-

tion.

This safety measure is in case the animal has a communicable disease such as rabies. Also, all stray animals picked up by animal control, a military police function, are quarantined and efforts are made to contact the owners.

The blotter

Your Home Is Secure...Isn't it?

Nobody wants to live behind bars and barricades, but nobody wants to invite trouble either, and here are some of the most common ways too many homes or apartments says **welcome** to burglars. IS A HIDDEN KEY YOUR WORST KEPT SECRET? If you hide a key at your front door, where is it? Under the door mat, a flower pot, or the mail box? Those are the first places any prowler will check. Or suppose you've got a better hiding place. Can anyone see you from the street? How about that man sitting in his car? Was he really who he said he was, or was he a burglar casing your house? Write down the license number of vehicles used by suspicious persons.

Ever answer the door when you're half dressed. You could be asking for trouble, even if someone has come on legitimate business, a burglar chain won't stop a two-hundred-pound man if he is serious about coming in. Better to find out who is on the other side of the door before opening it.

YOUR MILITARY POLICE CAN HELP YOU—IF YOU LET THEM!

First by eliminating the open invitations to criminals around the home. Second by reporting anything suspicious, recurring phone calls when nobody says hello (Somebody may be waiting for you to leave the house). Report strange men loitering in your neighborhood. (They could be checking on your habits, and waiting for a chance to burglarize your home.) Any suspicious activity at a neighbor's house should also be reported. You think it doesn't concern you? Next time it might be your house.

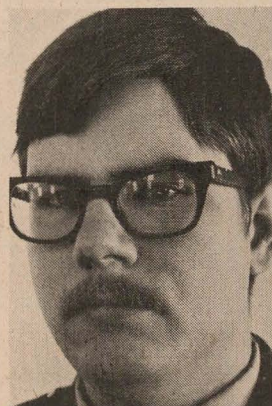
Recently at a set of quarters here on the Presidio, there was an incident where a man described as Caucasian, between 60-65 yrs. old, about 5'9", 200 pounds, grey-white shoulder length hair, and full white beard using the name Jacques BLACARD gained entrance to the quarters by telling the occupant that he was an old friend of her husband. This was subsequently proven to be false. This man may be in the company of a young man and woman driving a green sedan. If these people are observed on the Presidio or sub-posts, please contact the Military Police Investigation Section at 561-4217/4721.

Soldier's suggestion earns \$1500

Ever wish that you could be paid just for thinking? Spec. 4 Thomas M. Frazier was—to the tune of \$1,525.00.

That is what the Army paid him for his suggestion that resulted in a change in the warrant officer procurement program at Department of Army level and is expected to save the Army more than \$400,000.00 annually.

Frazier, assigned to the warrant officer procurement program at the Personnel Office, Presidio of



Specialist Frazier

San Francisco, came up with the idea when a friend of his applied for a warrant and was accepted. However, while the individual was awaiting an opening in his field, he was placed on orders for Germany (the warrant appointment would order him to Hawaii), resulting in two moves in the period of several months.

Frazier's suggestion, which was adopted at the Department of Army level, will result in the Officer Branch at the Pentagon notifying the Enlisted Branch of the acceptance—an action that would in effect hold the individual in his present assignment until such time as the warrant appointment is effected.

Frazier has requested assignment to Germany and expects to leave the Presidio in the near future. But not before using his treasury department check to pay for the pick-up truck he bought recently!

Check out pre-ski check list

By North Bay Ski Patrol

As the snow line moves down the mountain to approximately 6000 feet at Tahoe, and Mammoth Mountain announces 48 inches of snow already, we know that the ski season is getting closer. Our last article was designed to help you, the skier, improve your physical conditioning for safer, more enjoyable skiing. Now that you have your body in shape, the next step is to insure that your equipment is also ready for the new season. One of the prime causes of ski injuries is improperly functioning equipment. An improperly adjusted or faulty functioning binding may result in a broken bone, ruining what otherwise might be a great season. Dull, rounded edges on skis cause skis to slide in turns making it much more difficult to turn and avoid dangerous situations. The following safety check list is published by the National Ski Patrol System. How well do you score?

SKIS

- Edges smooth, sharp, not rusty Yes___No___
- All screws in place and tight Yes___No___
- Bottoms smooth, gouges filled Yes___No___
- Safety straps not worn, frayed Yes___No___
- Buckles easy to work on straps Yes___No___
- Anti-friction devices in place and operating properly Yes___No___

BINDINGS

- Bindings clean, no corrosion Yes___No___
- Protected with silicone spray Yes___No___
- Properly adjusted Yes___No___

POLES

- Shafts are straight Yes___No___
- Straps, rings in good repair Yes___No___
- Tips have been sharpened Yes___No___

BOOTS

- Boot soles flat, not warped Yes___No___
- Heel & toe of sole fit bindings with ease Yes___No___
- Buckles in place, work properly Yes___No___

If you have answered yes to all the above questions your equipment is ready for the new season. If you couldn't answer yes to all the questions you should make a trip to your favorite ski shop for corrective actions. One thing to remember. Don't start this season with your binding release tension at the same level it was at the end of last season. Loosen the tension to a lower setting and then as the season progresses and you become a stronger skier tighten the tension gradually as you begin to experience early or premature releases. A premature release is usually better than a broken leg.

sports

Intramural Flag Football League Standings:
(to November 4)

Presidio League	WON	LOST
LAMC No. 1	8	0
402d MP Co.	4	4
USAG	4	4
170th MP Co.	3	5
LAIR	3	5
Oakland Army Base	2	6

Ft. Scott League	WON	LOST
Dist Corps of Engrs	7	0
LAMC No. 2	6	1
HHD 504th MP Bn	5	3
WRRRC	2	5
864th Engrs	2	5
USA Ref Lab	0	7

Women's Basketball Team

Ft. Ord forfeited both games which were to be played against the Presidio Women's basketball team last week, so the ladies' record is now 8 and 2. The team has two remaining games. They go against Alameda NAS, November 13, at the post gym, and take on Letterman, November 18, at the Letterman gym.

Youth basketball clinics

The first of four Youth Basketball Clinics will be conducted at the Post Gymnasium Bldg. No. 63, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday, November 10. Clinics will be conducted by Mr. Hal Fischer, Presidio Sports Director. All youths, boys and girls, between the ages of 9 thru 16 are urged to attend whether you have registered or not. The following three clinics will take place November 12, 17, 18. Upon completion of the November 18 clinic a draft of players will be made by coaches and teams formed. League play will get underway November 24 or shortly thereafter. A dire need exists for volunteer coaches. Those coaches who have signed up or contemplate signing up should plan to attend all clinics. For further information contact the Youth Activities Director, 4120/5032.

Youth Flag Football Standings: Thru November 4, 1975

Majors (10-12 yrs.)	WON	LOST
Dolphins	4	1
Bengals	2	2
Cowboys	2	2
Steelers	1	4

Minors (13-15 yrs.)	WON	LOST
Vikings	4	0
Pats	3	2
Bills	1	3
Colts	0	3

Volunteers Needed for Jr. Rifle Club

Volunteers are needed to coach the Junior Rifle Club which meets every Friday night at the Fort Scott Rifle Range. Interested personnel can contact Cpt. Lusk, Ext. 3701 or Mr. Kivityky, Exts. 4120/5032.



U.S. Army photo

FORE?...Television celebrities Mike Douglass (left) and Wayne Walker recently filmed a "Wayne Walker Sports Challenge" at the Presidio Army Golf Club. The overall challenge, won by Walker, involved putting, driving and, as shown, blasting out of a sand trap. Use of the course was in response to a request from one of the local Bay Area TV stations.

YMCA scuba diving course

Signups are now being accepted for scuba lessons being offered at the Central and Embarcadero Branches of the San Francisco YMCA. The YMCA scuba course includes six classroom and pool sessions held weeknights at the 'Y' and four open water classes held weekends in Monterey. Those who successfully complete the course will receive a YMCA scuba diver certification. Scuba lessons start at the Central Branch, 220 Golden Gate Ave., on Monday, November 17, and at the Embarcadero Branch, 160 the Embarcadero, on Tuesday, November 18.

Post Squash Championships

A double elimination tournament is currently underway at the Post Gym. The leading contenders with two wins each are:
Lt. Col. Egan, LAMC
Major Byrd, Spt Element
Lt. Gen Flanagan, Sixth U.S. Army
Sp5 Conaway, LAIR

Veterans's Day Parade

Do you love a parade? If so, you will have two opportunities to enjoy a parade and see the Presidio's Bicentennial unit in action.
Sunday, November 9, San Francisco, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, November 11, San Leandro, 10:30 a.m.

FOCUS



By A. C. Reyes

Black and white films.

A film's sensitivity to light is referred to as ASA speed. The higher the number, the faster the film. A film rated at ASA 100 will react to light twice as fast as a film rated at ASA 50. It follows then, that the ASA speed of the film, and lighting conditions, will determine the combination of f-stops, and shutter speeds you can use to get a properly exposed negative. Of course, fast films are "grainier" than slow films. But a careful worker can make excellent enlargements from films as fast as ASA 400 without objectionable grain. The following partial list of black and white films may come in handy next time you are trying to decide what film to use. **Slow speed film:** ASA 25 to ASA 50. Excellent for brightly lighted scenes, at the beach, snow scenes, etc. When you want very fine detail, fine gradation of tones, and virtually no grain. Example: Panatomic X, (Kodak) ASA 32. **Medium speed film:** ASA 100 to ASA 200. A general purpose film. Very forgiving in exposure errors. Example: Plus-X (Kodak) ASA 125. Fast film, ASA 400 to ASA 500. Also quite forgiving in exposure errors. When fast action demands high shutter speeds, or in dim conditions. The old standby-by of photogs everywhere. Example: Tri-X (Kodak) ASA 400. Super fast film: ASA 1000 to ASA 3000. When you want to, or have to, shoot in really dim light, as little as the amount given off by a single candle, this is it. Remember, with these films, even a small enlargement may show large grain. But the question should ever arise, I'll choose a grainy picture over no picture at all. Example: Kodak 2475 Recording film. ASA 1000-3000.

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The veteran's parade

Presidians step out



Preparing for the parade is as important as marching in it.



With hands over their hearts, ladies pay respect to the passing Army unit.



The Presidio Bicentennial ceremonial unit and Army Band march down Albany's main street.



Candy, balloons and bicentennial flags made it a memorable day for children.



The Albany parade saw many veterans from other wars.

Everybody loves a parade. And the Presidio Bicentennial Ceremonial Unit and Color Guard led the way at the Albany, California Veteran's Day Parade where thousands of that town's citizens turned out to watch the spectacle.

Accompanied by the Presidio Army Band, the Bicentennial unit, dressed in their 1870s uniforms, led other military marching groups as well as several

local groups and floats.

Many veterans from wars past joined the Albany procession down main street. Others watched from the vast crowds along the sidewalks.

Seeming to enjoy the colorful parade most were the scores of children, all waving bicentennial flags and carrying large balloons. Many persons saluted as the American military units marched by. Others

stood at attention in respect.

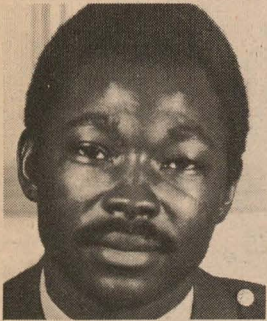
Lieutenant General Edward M. Flanagan Jr., Sixth United States Army commander, was the Grand Marshal of the Albany parade. He was also Grand Marshal at the San Francisco Veteran's Day parade.

Though the parade lasted a couple of hours, it seemed all too short for those veterans who will have to wait another year for their day again.

Story
&
Photos

by C.D. Steen

News notes



The Presidio Soldier of the Month for November is Sp4 Leroy Brooks, 402d MP Company.

Band series

The Sixth US Army Band will present a special Bicentennial Concert, the first in a series of monthly concerts, on Wednesday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m., at the Presidio Playhouse, Bldg. 385.

The Bicentennial Concert will feature selections of American composers highlighting patriotic and historical themes. Included in the program are "America," "Turkey in the Straw," "Lincoln Portrait," "Stars and Stripes Forever," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Future concerts will be presented on the third Wednesday of the month. The public is invited, and there is no charge.

The Combined Federal Campaign has ended for 1975. Presidians contributed \$53,500 to the campaign with 77.1% participation.



Check those windshield wipers

That advice comes from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) which reminds that those dark, inclement months ahead spell real trouble without safe wiper blades on the car.

PS from SP:

A suggestion in the box may mean money in the pocket.

Fire Department training

Officers of the Presidio Fire Department participated in a two day, 16 hour automobile extrication class sponsored by the Marin County Fire Chiefs Association.

The class consisted of classroom instruction along with practical exercises on opening up wrecked and damaged automobiles and safe removal of trapped occupants. In the past year, the Department has responded and given service at 14 vehicle accidents.

On November 14 and 15 members of the department will also participate, along with 450 fire fighters from Marin County Departments, in an oil fire control school in San Rafael. The course will cover large spill fires, gas fires, aircraft fires and high voltage safety.

FIND IT



There are a few of these FIND ITs located near each other on post, but this one is "unguarded." Motorists will most likely see it first. Lieutenant Eric Vermillion, and Mrs. Carl D.B. Moore, called in to the S.P. to tell us that last week's FIND IT is the flag staff hanging from the personnel building over Graham Street.

Reenlistment award

Headquarters Company, Garrison received the Commander's Quarterly Reenlistment Plaque for the first quarter of fiscal year 1976 this week. The trophy recognized the unit's efforts toward achieving a 233 percent reenlistment rate. The company also received the yearly Commander's Reenlistment Plaque for fiscal year 1975.

Personnel

management

responsibilities

This is the first of a series of articles from the Civilian Personnel Office covering key points which supervisors (both civilian and military of civilian employees) and employees should know in the Department of Army Civilian Personnel area. It is suggested that these be staff meeting discussion items at all levels to assure widest distribution.

Position and pay management

Title, series and grades of civilian positions are based on the duties and responsibilities contained in the official job description. U.S. Civil Service Commission classification standards and supplemental Department of the Army occupational standards are used to classify the duties and responsibilities assigned by the supervisor or manager.

Managers are expected to organize duties and functions to have higher grade work concentrated in a minimum number of positions with a lean supervisory structure. Lower grade support positions should be utilized for other duties.

Supervisors should insure that job content is accurate and current. In most organizations this is delegated to the first line supervisor. Department of the Army requires an annual supervisory review of all civilian positions. The supervisor must review all positions in the organization for need, efficient and economic organization of duties (position structure), accuracy of the job description, and discuss job description content with each employee. Changes in major duties noted during these annual reviews must be reported to Civilian Personnel for correction of job description and review of job evaluation. Significant job changes occurring between surveys also must be reported. The major duties of the official job description are to be performed by the employee assigned to the position. Temporary assignment of the employee to other duties extending beyond 30 working days require an official detail or temporary promotion. Supervisors should exercise care to avoid misassignments. The CPO should be kept advised of pending changes in missions/functions.

An employee may appeal the classification of the official position at any time. General Schedule employees may appeal under Department of the Army procedures or directly to the Civil Service Commission area office; Wage Grade employees must file first within DA and, after that decision, may continue the appeal with the Civil Service Commission. Under DA procedures, a decision is made on the employee's classification complaint locally with the appeal decision by the major command based on a review of the complaint record.

Ramblin' Sam



by C.D. Steen

This week's Ramblin' Sam deals with some very touchy opinions on whether women should pull guard duty on the Presidio.

Though it is currently a DA policy not to have women in this role, Ramblin' Sam asked: "Should women pull this duty?" The response was interesting enough to warrant expansion of Ramblin' Sam this week. These are the views of seven Presidians on this question:



Sp5 Suzanne Pinault: "No! Women should always be in a supportive, non-combat role. Guard duty is a type of combat role because guards tote weapons and may have to use them. I don't think women should be forced into this type of role, but if there are women who would like to volunteer for it, then let those do it."



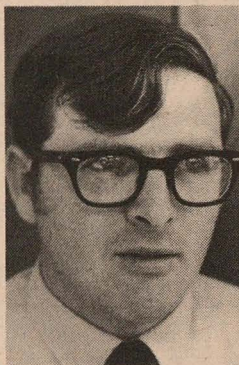
Pvt Marie Svagzdys: "If I had to, I wouldn't mind it at all. I joined the Army with the same qualifications as men and want to be treated equally. I can do anything they can and would pull guard duty if I had to."



Sp4 Tom Jones: "Don't women want to be treated equally? If the Army wishes to have no discrimination then by all means let women do what I have to do—pull guard and other present, non-women duties! Women can soldier as well as men and could, and should do all that a man has to do in the Army."



Sp5 Evelyn Toney: "If the guard duty here was a type where no weapon was necessary, then I would say yes. Here, it is a weapon-carrying situation and I don't feel women should pull this type of guard. I personally don't consider it one of those "dirty" details best left to men. I pulled it in Germany, but I was a gate guard and carried no weapon. I didn't mind it that much. If DA would allow women to volunteer for combat roles, then weapon-carrying guard duty should be something that was also part of that field."



Sp5 W.J. Thornton: "By all means, yes. They should also take part in funeral and parade details. If women enlist in the Army and expect to be treated as equals of men, then they should get the whole ball of wax like the men. This includes the extra details."



Sp5 Carol Walker: "It should be left up to the individual woman. If she wants to do it, then let her. Personally, I'm no women's liber. I have no desire to pull guard and hope we are never forced to."



SSG Robert Lilley: "The sex of a person does not make one physically able, or not able, to pull a duty such as guard. Only mental attitude. Since most of the guard duty is pulled by the support troops, then all those physically able should pull the duty—including women."

TLC your car for winter

By Carol Cronin

Are you dreading a winter full of dead car batteries, dangerous road conditions, and car killing weather? Luckily, California, with its mild winter, doesn't pose the threat of harsher climates but there are still some preparations car owners should perform to avoid the inconveniences, danger, and wear and tear of winter driving.

Keith Chapman of the California Highway Patrol gave us some tips on how to avoid these problems.

"The most important thing is to be sure your car is mechanically sound. This is important any time of year, but certain functions are especially important in the winter," he said.

With the sun and the heat here in California, windshield wipers rarely last more than a year. The rubber easily becomes brittle. Be sure yours work before the rain makes you go off the road.

Make sure your tires have good tread depth, and check that it is deep across the whole width of the tire. If one side of the tire is more worn, not only is the tire less safe, but it probably needs re-aligning. You can avoid buying tires more often than necessary by keeping your wheels aligned.

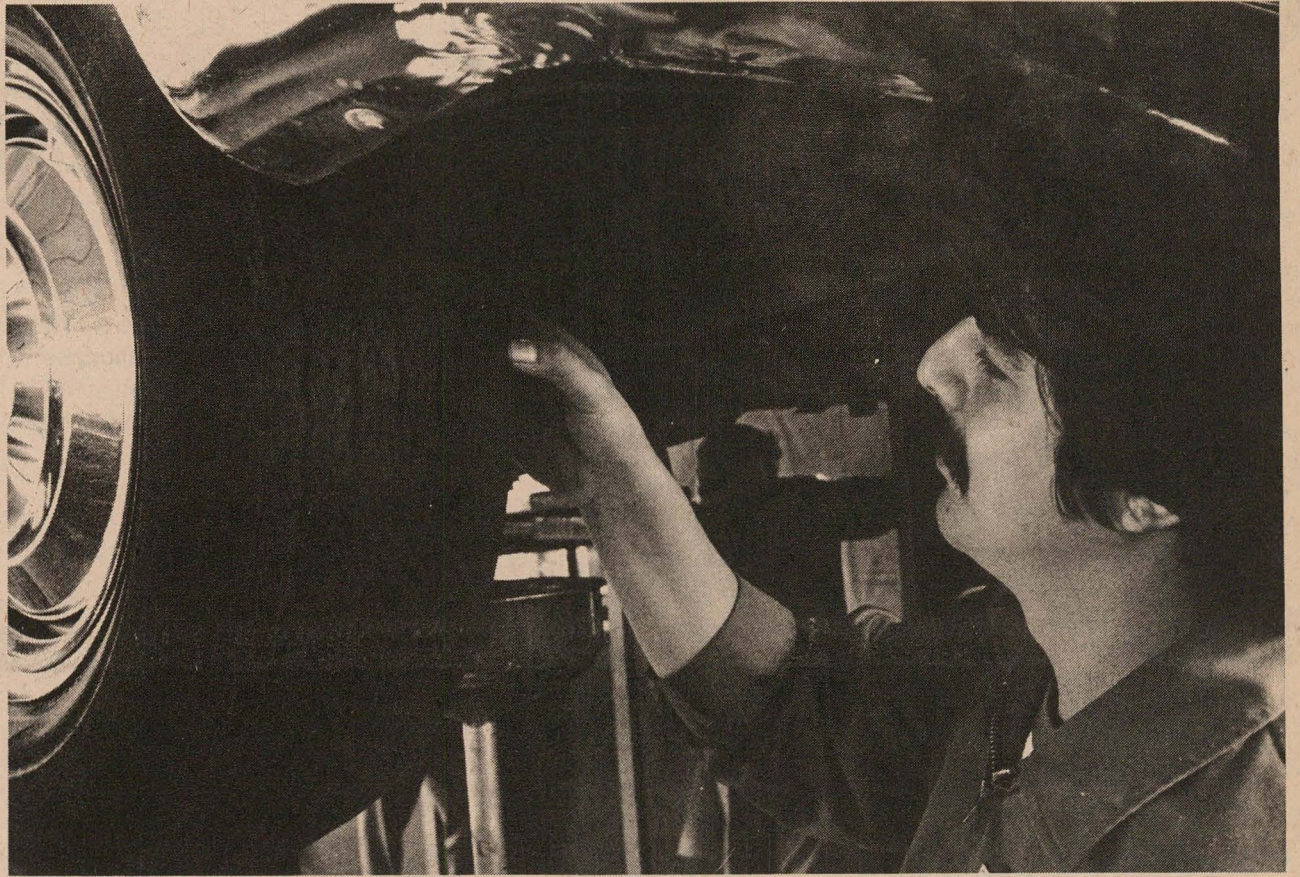
Having your lights in working order and adjusted correctly is especially important with the fewer hours of daylight. "Lights are easily jarred out of position," warned Mr. Chapman. This leads to cars driving with lights aimed at the eyes of the driver they're approaching instead of the road in front of them. When this is the case, even low beams can be blinding.

Also remember to use your low beams in the fog or snow. They are directed more toward the road in front of the car. The high beams will only succeed in creating a lighted wall of fog.

Important any time of year are the brakes. "People always underestimate the importance of keeping them in order, but overestimate their efficiency," said Mr. Chapman. If you have gotten away with tailgating in the summer, don't expect to be as lucky this winter. Slick, wet roads can catch even the most alert driver off guard. Make sure you've given yourself enough room for the unexpected.

During San Francisco rush hours, traffic jams are not unusual. Check that your heating and air systems are tight to prevent carbon monoxide filtering into the passenger area. By the time you notice the smell of the exhaust, it may be too late.

Photo by C.D. Steen



Make sure your tires are in good shape. Jorge Montano, or another Presidio service station attendant, will help make sure you are prepared for the coming winter rains.

When heading for the snow, make sure you have chains with you, whether you have snow tires or not. Studded tires are allowed December 1st through March 1st, but even these won't suffice if the Highway Patrol declares that road conditions require chains. There are several makes of cars that don't have adequate clearance for chains of any type. If you're not sure about your car, check this before going to the snow country.

Mr. Jorge Montano, foreman of the Presidio gas station, gave us some added advice.

"Check for leaks, especially water pump and radiator," he said. The station has instruments to check for this. They also have a backflusher to clear away any blockage in the engine block, heater, or radiator. You can also buy a solution and do this

manually yourself. To avoid dead batteries, keep the battery water at the right level, and clean the posts and terminals.

And of course, it's time to add more antifreeze. Mr. Montano suggests a 50/50 mixture with water. "It's a good idea to add antifreeze year round," he informed us. "Not only does it prevent freeze up, but also boil-overs and rust." He also mentioned that by keeping your car well maintained, you'll save on fuel consumption because the car is working more efficiently.

Who knows, if you follow these tips you might save enough to take that trip to a ski lodge in the Sierras. In any case, you might avoid an accident that would have laid you up before you even had a chance to break your leg on the slopes.

Movies

PRESIDIO

Friday, Nov. 14, Cooley High (G) 7 p.m., Adults \$1.00 Children 50¢.

Saturday, Nov. 15, The Golden Voyage of Sinbad (G) 2/6 and 8 p.m., Adults 60¢ Children 30¢.

Sunday, Nov. 16, Return to Macon County (PG) 6 and 8 p.m., Adults \$1.00 Children 50¢.

Monday, Nov. 17, Return to Macon County (PG) 7 p.m., Adults \$1.00 Children 50¢.

Tuesday, Nov. 18, Bug (PG) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢ Children 35¢.

Wednesday, Nov. 19, Bug (PG) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢ Children 35¢.

Thursday, Nov. 20, Cleopatra Jones & The Casino of Gold (R) 7 p.m., Adults \$1.00 Children 50¢.

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One-stop in and out

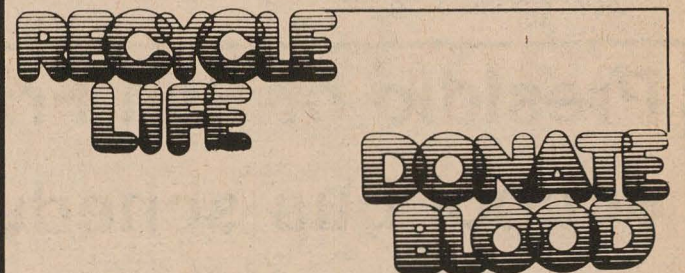
It's going to be much easier and quicker for military personnel to process in and out of the Presidio after December 1. A new service, called the WELCOME CENTER, is scheduled to open and just about every in and out processing action a person has to do will be done right there. The new WELCOME CENTER will be located in building 227, formerly the civilian personnel building, across from Post headquarters.

According to Lieutenant Lance J. Hopkins, officer in charge of the center, the services will include processing for family housing, customer service, auto registration, and even a finance section for those needing travel pay. He also said the center will have a section that will eliminate the need to travel around the Post clearing different activities such as the library, post office, or chapel. A person at the center will call these places for you and if you needn't be there to clear in person, he will just check an appropriate block on a special processing sheet and you will be cleared for that activity.

The lieutenant said the reason for centralizing these services under one roof is to give quicker and better service. It will get incoming military persons quickly to their new duty sections, and get those leaving to their new stations faster.



Vehicle Registration is already open and serving personnel at the Welcome Center which is scheduled to be fully operational by December 1.



If you don't want to give blood to your favorite vampire or contribute at the sacrificial altar of your choice, then you have the option of donating blood to help save lives during the Presidio's quarterly blood drive on November 19, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in building 135 (the recreation center).

Every 17 seconds someone in the United States needs blood. The persons you help—sometimes as many as four at once—may be victims of a vehicle accident or a fire, people in shock, infants or mothers, sufferers from leukemia or hemophilia or patients undergoing surgery.

From ages 17 through 65, you can give blood. Retirees as well as high school and college students can donate, providing they are in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Does it hurt? There's no more discomfort than experienced when your physician takes a blood sample for a test. To further insure your well-being, eat normal meals on the day you give blood.

Only one unit of blood (slightly less than a pint) will be taken. Since the average adult body contains from 10 to 12 pints of blood, you can spare one unit without harmful effects.

After your donation (at least there's no marks on your neck or sudden heart removal), rest a few minutes and have some refreshments. Then resume your normal activities.

You can donate blood every eight weeks but not more than five times a year.

It is recommended that you have your work section set up an appointment for blood donation to avoid the rush, although walk-ins are always welcome.

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Sports

LAMC hoopsters win big

"Cats" Williams and newcomer Rose Ostroski teamed up to add 54 points, as the LAMC womens' basketball team completely overwhelmed the Oakland Army Base womens' team, 70-4, Tuesday night at Oakland.

"Our team was really hot to trot," boasted LAMC coach, Sandra Colaw. "The girls missed only 12 field shots the whole game."

The womens' coach added that Oakland suffered when their two best players couldn't make the game, and they found barely enough players to field a team.

The Oakland team has a disappointing record of 0-6, but Colaw regards the team as one that will get a lot better. She said she admires the Oakland competitive spirit.

LAMC now has a record of 5-4.

Fish tales

With the water temperature dropping, and the rainbow trout becoming more active, now is the time to start hitting the lakes in the area again.

According to the California Department of Fish and Game information officer, Jack White, plants are increasing in all areas.

The department has announced that if water, weather and road conditions are favorable, the following waters would be stocked with catchable trout during this week:

SANTA CLARA COUNTY—Cottonwood Lake, Sandy Wool Lake

MARIN COUNTY—Bon Tempe Reservoir, Lagunitas Reservoir

SOLANO COUNTY—Lake Chabot

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY—Lafayette Reservoir

A good selection of tackle is available and may be signed out at the Outdoor Recreation Services office.

Women cagers take lead

The Presidio women's basketball team leads the Women's Interservice Recreational League (basketball) with a standing of 8-2. Also, the Presidio team has the leading scorer in the league, Pat Brown, who averages 26 points per game.

Ski trip

Grab your skis and favorite leg cast and sign up for the Outdoor Recreation Center's Heavenly Valley ski trip. The date is December 12 to 14.

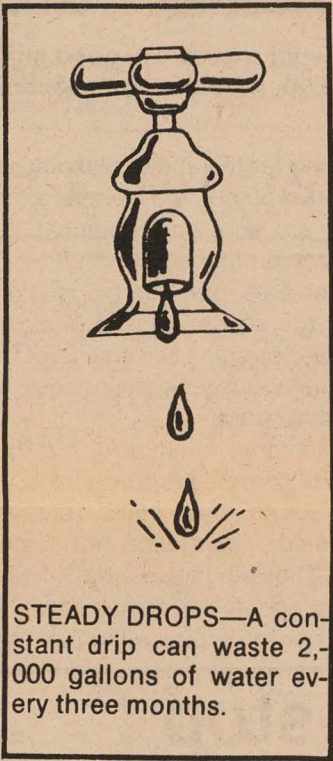
The \$60.50 per person fee includes a room and skis, round trip bus, shuttles to ski lifts, two all-day lift tickets and other things. Contact George Rush, Outdoor Recreation Center, phone: 4324. Early reservations suggested.

Youth Activities Office Relocation

The Presidio Youth Activities Office has moved from the Post Gymnasium to Recreation Services Division, Bldg. 122. The office is located in the basement of the Craft Shop, at Lincoln Blvd. and Riley Ave. New telephone numbers are 2002/3637.

Final Youth Basketball Clinics

The third and fourth Youth Basketball Clinics will take place at the Post Gymnasium, Bldg. 63, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., November 17 and 18. All youths who have registered or contemplate registering should definitely attend. Immediately following the final clinic, a meeting of all coaches will take place to select teams. League play will get underway on or about November 24.



Presidio of San Francisco military school bus schedule*



SCHOOL RUN #4

Effective date: November 17, 1975

BUS #4, AM Run: Provides Bus Service for children attending St. Vincent de Paul, St. Brigid's, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Stuart Hall, and Hamlin Schools.

BUS #4

AM Run	
Leave:	
Motor Pool	7:12
1497 Pershing (Bus Shelter)	7:22
Armstead & Lincoln	7:28
Kobbe & Upton	7:31
1407 Washington	7:34
414 Washington	7:36
333 Infantry Terrace	7:40
Presidio & Funston	7:42
512 Simonds Loop	7:45
Presidio & Liggett	7:47
Morton & Sanchez	7:48
765 Portola	7:50
Presidio & MacArthur	7:52
St. Vincent de Paul School	7:58
(2350 Greet St.) (via Lombard & Steiner)	
Hamlin School	8:00
(2129 Vallejo St.) (via Steiner & Vallejo)	
Franklin & MacArthur	8:06
(Ft. Mason) (via Franklin St.)	
St. Brigid's School	8:15
(1615 Broadway) (via Gough & Broadway)	
Convent of the Sacred Heart	8:20
(2222 Broadway) (via Van Ness & Pacific, Franklin & Broadway)	
Arrive:	
Motor Pool	8:30
(via Steiner & Lombard & Lombard Gate)	

Telephone Numbers
Education Center: 4900
Transportation Operations Sec: 3533

PM Run	
Leave:	
Motor Pool	2:20
St. Brigid's School	2:40
(via Lombard - Gough & Broadway)	
Franklin & MacArthur	2:45
(Ft. Mason) (via Van Ness & Bay)	
St. Vincent de Paul School	2:55
(via Lombard & Steiner)	
Convent of the Sacred Heart	3:20
(via Green & Laguna & Broadway)	
Hamlin School	3:33*
(via Broadway-Steiner-Vallejo)	
512 Simonds Loop	3:41
(via Laguna-Lombard-Lombard Gate)	
Presidio & Liggett	3:43
Morton & Sanchez	3:44
765 Portola	3:46
Presidio & MacArthur	3:47
Presidio & Funston	3:48
333 Infantry Terrace	3:51
414 Washington	3:54
1407 Washington	3:56
1497 Pershing	4:00
Kobbe & Upton	4:03
Lincoln & Armstead	4:07
Arrive:	
Motor Pool	4:10

*3:33 stop at Hamlin school not required on Fridays. Drop offs at quarters will be approximately 13 minutes earlier on Friday.
**This bus operates Mondays thru Fridays - school holidays excepted.
*Bus schedules listed are subject to revision.

B-ball rules for the unwary

Basketball is a strange game. Don't let anyone tell you differently. Just so you won't be totally confused and in order to get some spectators for post games, we present a few basketball rules. This is for the benefit of players, spectators and referees.

Basketball points concerning ending of jump, free throw, throw-in, try for field goal or dribble. . . A jump ends when:

1. Tapped ball touches floor; or
2. Tapped ball touches basket or backboard; or
3. Tapped ball touches a non-jumper; or
4. Ball becomes dead because of violation or other act.

A free throw ends when:

1. Ball goes in basket; or
2. It is apparent it will not go in the basket; or
3. Free throw touches floor or player; or
4. Ball becomes dead because of violation or other act.

A field goal try ends when:

1. Same as for a free throw.

A throw-in ends when:

1. Ball touches another player in the court.

A dribble ends when:

1. Dribbler touches ball with both hands simultaneously; or
2. Dribbler permits ball to come to rest while he is in contact with it; or
3. Dribbler loses control, including trying for goal; or
4. Ball becomes dead because of violation or other act; or
5. The dribbler is unable to immediately catch or continue to dribble the ball.

City lights

By Carol Cronin

Friday, 14th This is a good week for the arts. It begins with the musical production of "Pal Joey" at San Francisco State's McKenna Theater. The Rodgers and Hart tale of a heelish-hooper will begin at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3.00.

The third Annual Harvest Festival and Country Crafts Market will be held today through Sunday. Participants will be dressed in 19th Century costumes, and the food and much of the hand-made merchandise reflects the era. Continuous entertainment including folk singers and folk dancers, melodrama, puppet shows, etc., will be provided. Admission is \$1.75 adults, 50¢ children.

Saturday, 15th Santa Claus abandons his sleigh temporarily for a cable car as he is escorted from Union Square down Powell Street to the Emporium, his home for the next six weeks. Giant balloon figures of Betsy Ross and the Minutemen tower above the parade. If you want to help usher in the early Christmas season, the parade starts at noon.

Two animated Charles Perrault fairy tales, The Amazing Gift, and Beauty and the Beast will be shown free at the Museum Auditorium of the San Francisco Museum of Art at 1 p.m.

Sunday, 16th Come dance to, or just enjoy the sounds of Southern Comfort at the Recreation Center. The music starts at 7 p.m., and there'll be a dance contest.

Monday, 17th A presentation of original works by women artists from the 16th to the 20th Centuries is being displayed in the California Palace of the Legion of Honor through December 28th. Also, Pre-Columbian art of Mexico and Central America is on display through December 7th, complemented by an audio-visual presentation of Pre-Columbian architecture.

Tuesday, 18th If you prefer photography to painting, the San Francisco Museum of Art has 200 incredible photos, showing new Japanese photography. The works of 15 contemporary photogs are displayed.

Wednesday, 19th Bob Scher (who scored the film "Above San Francisco,") combines classical music with contemporary melody. He is an accomplished jazz pianist and theatrical composer. To hear his music, stop by the Exploratorium at 8 p.m. and give your 25¢ donation.

Thursday, 20th A host of opera stars and entertainers will appear at Fol de Rol, the Opera Guild's annual fund-raising party. Thousands of balcony seats from \$2.00 to \$7.00 make the evening of varied entertainment very reasonable. Following the performance, everyone is welcome to join in the dancing on the stage.

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News notes

Hanukah

Hanukah, the Jewish Feast of Lights and Rededication, which lasts for eight days, begins this year at sundown Friday, November 28, and ends on Saturday, December 6.

Basic to the celebration of this happy festival, according to Rabbi William Z. Dalin, Jewish Chaplain, is the kindling of the Hanukah lights. On the first evening, one light is kindled, the number of lights being increased on each consecutive evening. On the eight evening, the entire Menorah is kindled. The extra candle, kindled each night, is used as the "shamos", or taper from which the other candles are kindled.

The festival commemorates the successful struggle for religious liberty, led by the Maccabees against the Syrian oppressors in the year 165 B.C. The struggle culminated in a great victory for the Jewish people who rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem to the service of God and rekindled the Menorah in the Sanctuary.

A candle-lighting ceremony for Jewish military personnel and their families will be held at the Presidio Religious Activity Center, Bldg. 682, on Sunday, November 30, 1975, at 1530 hours.

In keeping with the spirit of this joyous festival of lights, a Special Program, sponsored by the Bay Area UJCC Armed Services Committee and Post and LAMC Chaplain's Offices, is planned for children and adults following the ceremony. Community singing, Hanukah games and gifts, and refreshments, including delicious "latkes" for all.

Thanksgiving Day Meal Rates:

The meal rates for Thanksgiving Day will be:

Category	Meal Cost	Surcharge	Total
Officers not on per diem	\$1.50	\$.90	\$2.40
Enlisted members	\$1.50	.....	\$1.50
Adult dependents and guests	\$1.50	\$.90	\$2.40
Dependents and Guests under 12 yrs.	\$.75	\$.50	\$1.25
Officers or Civilians receiving per diem (in TDY status)	...\$1.50	\$2.40	\$3.90

Please make reservations for Officers, Dependents, and Guests no later than Nov. 20, with the Dining Facility Steward.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIVE LIGHTING

The only authorized outdoor decorative lighting for the Christmas season will be for a Christmas tree at a location to be designated by the Installation Commander. All exterior displays in unit troop billet, family housing and all other areas will be nonelectric. Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Installation Commander.

Community service project

Please give! Food is needed for needy families until November 22nd. You can drop off any non-perishable food items or give a donation at the San Francisco USO. The Saint Mary's Clinic is taking on this project in order that some needy families in their neighborhood will have a full Thandsgiving dinner. On November 21st one can of food or a small donation will be the admission to the Friday night dance.

Talking about ourselves dept.

A couple of notes from the people here at the SP: **Unit Activities:** If something is happening in your unit that you think might deserve a little space, tell us about it. Even better, write about it and send it to us. This includes stories on people who raise spiders in their rooms, electroplate turnips or race rabbits. Or anything else that is interesting. Get the news to us **before** Tuesday, noon, and if it's good it'll get in that week.

On the same line, if you've had trouble finding us, we've packed up and moved the entire information office from building 219 to building 37 (next to military personnel). The key word in the last sentence is FIND. We want you to find us, with hints, leads on stories, criticism and yes, even answers to FIND IT.

PX Defense Department Survey

Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) exchanges and movie theaters will take part in a Department of Defense (DOD) survey ordered for all nonappropriated fund activities around the globe.

According to AAFES, exchanges and movie theaters on all installations will be required to conduct a headcount of customers served at AFFES facilities Nov. 30 - Dec. 6. Patrons not in uniform will be asked to show their ID cards in order to obtain the information required by DOD.

AAFES must survey customers to determine whether the customer is retired or active-duty; whether the customer is a dependent or authorized civilian, and other related data.

The cooperation of customers during the DOD survey will speed service for all and will be most appreciated by AAFES.

LUNCH-TIME SPEAKER SERIES

"What is the Federal Women's Program?" will be a panel presentation by members of the Presidio Federal Women's Program Committee about the Federal Women's Program and what it can do for you. To be held Tuesday, November 25, 12 p.m., in the auditorium of Bldg 603, the program will provide opportunities for questions and suggestions from the audience. The series is open to everyone at the Presidio, civilian, military, or dependent. Brown bag lunches are welcome. For additional information, contact Holly Handler, 4445, or Linda Massey, 5187.

NEWSPAPERS ONLY

FIND IT

This sign serves a useful reminder to people on Post. Last week's FIND IT identifiers are SP5 Steven Yale and Agnes Ellis.

MP's top CFC

Last week we announced the end of the Combined Federal Campaign for 1975. We neglected to mention that our of the \$53,500 donated by Presidians, \$22,978 came from the 504th MP VN alone. A whopping 102% participation for the BN compared to 77.1% participation for the Presidio as a whole. Good goin' 504th!

Presidio NCO/Enlisted Club

The Log Cabin Annex, Building 1299, will be closed for regular business as of November 26, 1975. This facility will continue in use for private or unit or organizational parties on a reservation basis. Please call 564-4934/4914 for information or reservations. The Main Club, Building 135, will be closed for business every Sunday starting November 30, 1975 and will remain open Monday through Saturday. The Recreation Center will continue to be open on Sundays as usual.

Army Emergency Leave Policy

A change in the Army's leave policy now permits a soldier to take emergency leave with space required transportation when a close relative of the soldier's spouse dies. The policy change will permit a soldier and spouse to travel together in most cases when the soldier is on emergency leave.

A spouse's close relatives may include a Father, mother, brother or sister. Other close relatives include children, a foster parent or an only living blood relative.

The change will make it easier for commanders to help soldiers and their families in times of Emergency, DA officials say.

Letter



This letter to commend SFC Cal Strong for honesty, a rare quality in human beings these days.

As commanding officer of the above mentioned NCO, you should be proud of having men of this standard.

Yesterday, my wife, while doing some banking at the Wells Fargo Bank, Presidio, dropped a \$100.00 bill which SFC Cal Strong found and turned in to one of the bank clerks. I'm including a \$10.00 money order for you to present to SFC Strong in a unit formation or as you wish, sir. Also I suggest a copy of this letter be published in the Post newspaper to give credit to such an honest gentleman.

Community Council meeting

The Presidio of San Francisco Community Council meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on November 26 in the auditorium of Building 603. All neighborhood mayors and representatives are urged to attend.

Any Presidio residents having issues of neighborhood or community concern which they would like presented at this meeting are encouraged to contact their neighborhood mayor or representative with the issue prior to the meeting.

Women to Serve Longer Overseas Tour

Single women will begin serving the same overseas tour length as male soldiers beginning Jan. 1, 1976, under a DA policy change. It applies to women who leave CONUS or their area of residence after Jan. 1. The change equalizes overseas tour lengths for all soldiers—men and women.

The change does not apply to women who enlist in the Army or the delayed entry program before Dec. 1. Those women will not have to serve the longer tour during their initial enlistment.

DA is emphasizing that care must be taken to prevent overseas assignments for women soldiers from slipping to Jan. 1 or later, which will require them to serve the longer tour.

Release of Telephone Information

People residing and/or working at the Presidio of San Francisco who do not desire to have personal telephone numbers or home addresses released by Presidio telephone operators are requested to inform Directory Service, Telephone Division, USACC Agency-Presidio, Building 67, in writing, not later than November 28, 1975. Failure to notify the Directory Service will be construed as consent for Presidio information operators to release the information.

Movies

Presidio

Friday, Nov. 21, Cleopatra Jones & The Casino of Gold (R) 7 p.m., Adults \$1.00, Children 50¢
Saturday, Nov. 22, Red Red Dragon (G) 2 p.m., 6 p.m., Adults 60¢, Children 30¢. The Wind & The Lion (PG) 8:30 p.m., Adults \$1.00, Children 50¢.
Sunday, Nov. 23, The Wind & The Lion (PG) 6 p.m., 8:15 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 24, The Wind & The Lion (PG) 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 25, Freebie and the Bean (R) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢, Children 35¢.
Wednesday, Nov. 26, Freebie and the Bean (R) 7 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 27, The Fortune (PG) 7 p.m., Adults \$1.00, Children 50¢.

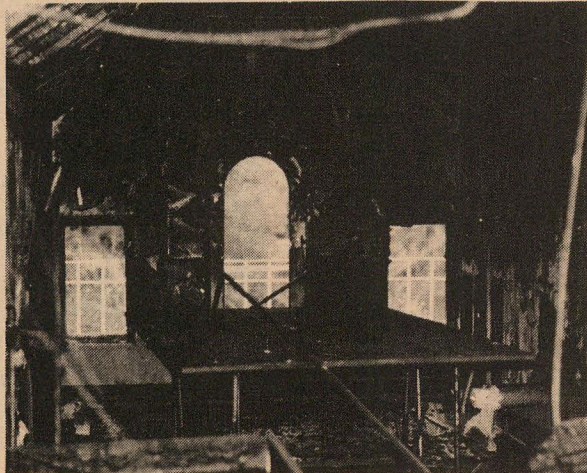
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Wednesday, Nov. 26, They Call Me Trinity (G), 7 p.m., Adults 60¢, Children 30¢.
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Barrack burns in evening blaze



Firemen attacked the fire on the third floor of the 402nd MP barracks through the roof.



These are the remains of the pool room, destroyed by Ft. Scott's second major barracks fire in two years.

A fire, causing over \$100,000 damage, broke out in the 402nd MP barracks at Fort Scott last Friday Night. Presidio Fire Department was notified at 7:30 p.m. and rushed three engines and one rescue rig to the scene to begin an almost two-hour battle to control the blaze.

Assistant Chief William J. Williams Jr. of the Presidio Fire Dept. gave us the details.

The fire fighters extinguished the fire in the north wing of the building, but the dense smoke and heat in the south wing prevented entrance. Fire Chief Chur decided to call in the San Francisco Fire Department to help ventilate the third floor to remove the heat, smoke, and gases.

The San Francisco Fire Department responded to the two alarm fire with nine engines, five ladder trucks, and one bottled Oxygen unit. As aerial ladder equipment arrived, new hose lines were laid and ventilation holes were chopped in the roof. This enabled large hose streams to be directed into the seat of the fire.

During fire fighting operations, the building was evacuated and personnel assigned to the 402nd MP Battalion aided fire fighters in stretching hose lines.

The main reason the fire spread as extensively as it did, was because of the combustible plywood interior of the building.

A total of 74 men from the San Francisco Fire Dept. and 10 men from the Presidio Fire Dept. joined to fight the blaze, which was the second major one to take place at the Fort Scott barracks in two years.

Four men were injured while fighting the fire. SP4 Thomas W. Klingers, assigned to the 51st Engineers, volunteered to help the firemen and was extremely helpful until overcome by smoke inhalation. Two presidio firemen were injured. Henry R. Abraham also suffered from smoke inhalation. Edward Panaretos received eye injuries, possibly from glass fragments. One San Francisco fireman had lacerations on his arm.

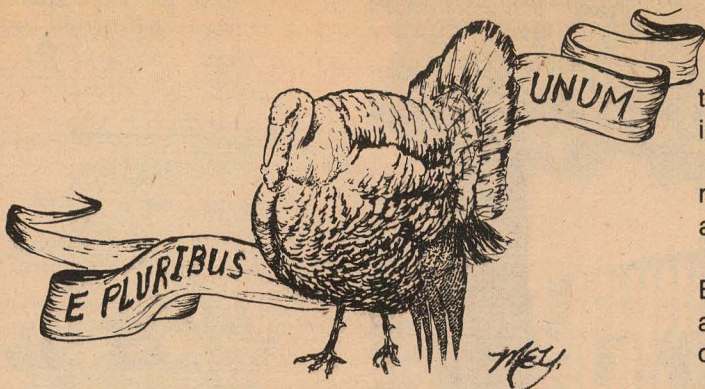
The cause of the fire is being investigated.

The blotter

Paying by check is one of the greatest conveniences that shoppers enjoy. It saves them steps, gives them a receipt for their payments, and helps to balance their budgets. But if checks are a convenience to shoppers, they are a real bonanza for the professional pilferers who earn their livings by passing bogus checks. Losses in merchandising to bad check artists are a serious, and costly problem. "Carelessness causes most of them". The best way to keep bad check losses to a minimum is to follow sound and sensible practices.

Here are a few simple CRIME PREVENTIVE Tips to follow:

1. In cases of personal business, be wary of accepting checks from strangers.
 2. In a place of business take checks only for the amount of the purchase.
 3. Ask for more than one kind of identification; you're safer with multiple identification.
 4. Compare the handwriting on the check with the specimen signature on the identification.
 5. Compare the person wishing to cash the check with his proof of identification, take special notice of the photograph.
 6. Make certain that the check meets all legal requirements.
 7. Have personal checks made out in your presence, and made payable to you.
 8. Have all checks endorsed in your presence.
 9. Don't become a crime conducive factor in this bonanza for the professional paper hanger. Take those extra few moments to pay attention to details. Don't allow yourself to become flustered by the check cashier who tells you that he or she is in a hurry.
- If you suspect someone of trying to obtain cash or merchandise with a fraudulent check, notify your supervisor immediately. If these discrepancies are not resolved contact your Military Police.



by Richard W. O'Donnell

Wise old Ben Franklin had a splendid idea! He wanted to make the turkey the official insignia of the United States.

"May I urge approval of the turkey as the emblem of our young nation," he wrote to the Continental Congress in 1777. "The wild turkey roams the woodlands of the continent. It is a bird known by all."

Fortunately, the Continental Congress rejected Ben Franklin's suggestion. (Some reports say the Congress also turned down Thomas Jefferson's proposal of the dove in favor of John Adam's eagle.)

In 1782, a special committee appointed by the Congress voted in favor of the mighty eagle. It's a good thing that it did. The Great Seal of the United States would have looked rather silly with a gobbler on it.

William Barton, a Philadelphia heraldic artist, created the final design of the spread eagle, or "eagle displayed," approved in 1782.

After Barton's original mold became worn, it was duplicated in a second model made in 1841, and a third one produced 43 years later. The most recent mold, still a duplicate of the original, was turned out in 1903.

Among other things, the eagle symbol has been used on dollar bills, government stationery, publications, military buttons and caps, and placed above the main entrances of embassies, legations and consulates all over the world. The Great Seal is also affixed to countless important governmental documents.

It is almost impossible to visualize Ben Franklin's turkey on the Great Seal. Thanksgiving Day would never have been the same if it had been selected. No true American would have dared devour a gobbler on

Bicentennial bird?

the great holiday if it had become the nation's official insignia.

The bald eagle was the perfect choice. There is a magnificent majesty when the eagle is in flight. It has an almost effortless mastery of the air.

The great eagle has soared to great heights since Ben Franklin's days. Great events have governed its awesome flight, and historians have dutifully recorded them.

But there were other events, obscure footnotes in duty old history books, and before they are forgotten forever, it might be well to recall them. Some lack a greatness worthy of the magnificent eagle.

Perhaps they are more worthy of Ben Franklin's turkey. Be that as it may, they are all a part of the early years of our emerging nation's history.

Paul Revere did not go around shouting "the British are coming" during his famous gallop on April 18, 1775. If he had, he would have been bagged by the British before he got out of Charlestown. Nor did he wake the entire countryside. He stopped at only two houses.

In Lexington, he warned John Hancock and Samuel Adams, who were staying at the Hancock-Clarke House, that the Redcoats were enroute, so they could flee. That was the reason for Revere's legendary gallop. Only after he arrived in Lexington was it decided that it might be a good idea for him to ride on to Concord, and alert Patriots there that the British were coming.

Revere, as stated, also roused the occupants of another dwelling. This happened early in his ride. Shortly after leaving Charlestown, he stopped at the home of Captain Isaac Hall in Medford, Mass. He stopped at Captain Hall's place because it had been a rough night, and he needed a "pick-me-up." The good captain was famous for the rum toddies he served, and Paul had one before he completed his journey.

For this reason, Captain Hall's "Old Medford Rum Toddy" has been designated "The Official Bicentennial Drink." If you're in the mood to sample one during the Bicentennial, just follow this original recipe supplied by the Medford Historical Society:

1. Place one lump of sugar or about one teaspoon full in a toddy, or old fashioned glass.

2. Add about 5 ounces of hot water, making sure the sugar is dissolving.
3. Add 2 ounces of Old Medford Rum and stir well.
4. Decorate with slice of lemon, and sprinkle of grated nutmeg on top.
5. Cheers!

Eagle or turkey? In truth, it doesn't really matter which one was chosen for the national insignia. In a poetic sense, both would have soared. May the flight continue to be a graceful and gallant one.

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Photo by C.D. Steen



Surrounded by a jungle of reinforcing bars, a construction worker prepares some of the miles of conduits that will be part of a new medical enlisted women's billet, and administrative and supply building. Scheduled to be completed in mid-September, 1976, the 3-story billet will be very modern in design and will include carpeted living quarters with baths, and a large living room per every four rooms. There will even be kitchen facilities. The buildings are going up behind Letterman Hospital.



A trolley is always a good place for a smile. Click!



Busker: a person who plays music on the street.

Expressions of San Francisco

San Francisco, lately, has received a lot of criticism from some sources for the strange habits of some of its citizens.

We'll admit the City has its share of nutcakes, but it

also has some of the friendliest, most interesting people we've met, as our photographer discovered during a little shank's mare tour this last Sunday. We'll let his photos tell the rest of the story.



Photos
by C.D. Steen

S. F. street merchant... hand-crafted capitalism on the sidewalk.



It seems like every time you pass a bus stop, there are these gorgeous...



A moment of reflection. (No pun intended.)



As far apart in time as living people can be, and as close emotionally.

The administration of heaven

Lives of Chaplain's assistants

By Carol Cronin

Helping the chaplain climb out of a grave that he has fallen into may not be a typical duty of a chaplain's assistant, but SP5 Greg Hojem, along with the other Headquarters company chaplain's assistants, has had his share of such unusual jobs. In this case, the chaplain had just finished a military funeral and had taken the usual two steps back. Unfortunately, he had been standing in front of a grave that had been prepared for a later funeral.

SP5 Hojem mentioned another time that the pall bearers carrying the casket broke the supports over the grave and fell in, leaving the casket straddling the grave.

Such accidents, although rare, are bound to be a part of any chaplain's assistant's experience, considering the number of funerals they are required to attend. However, the larger part of their duties are administrative, including taking care of funeral, chapel, and marriage ceremony processing.

SP6 Lance Dichter, who supervises the other chaplain's assistants elaborated on their job. "I handle the master calendar which coordinates the various events and services. We also keep the grounds and facilities of Fort Baker and the Presidio's four chapels and religious activities center in order."

SP6 Dichter became a chaplain's assistant six years ago when a chaplain, minus an assistant, called for volunteers. Dichter joined to get out of his MOS. He had been drafted, trained, and sent to the Canal Zone as an Infantry medic. Although he likes his current job, he doesn't foresee staying in the MOS because there is little potential for advancement or increased responsibility.

He is presently on a task group to redesign the MOS, and hopes to shift some of the chaplain's responsibilities to the assistant to leave the chaplain more time to concentrate on more specialized areas. He would especially like to see the assistants receive enough training so they could establish an interview-

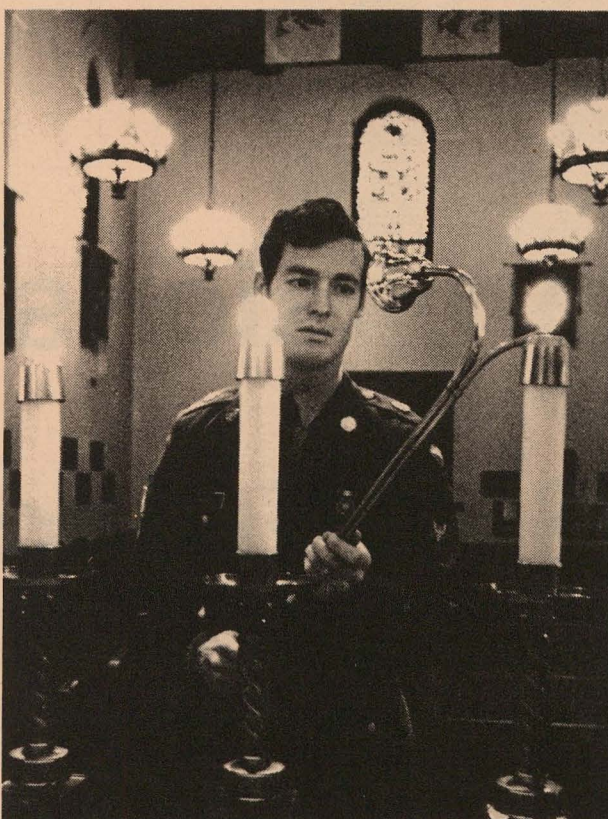


Photo by C.D. Steen

Assisting in chapel services is one of the duties of chaplain's assistant SP4 Bruce Nelson.

ing and referral service. Although not counsellors themselves, the assistants could direct people to those most able to help them.

Along with the other assistants, SP6 Dichter is hoping warrant officer status will be opened to the MOS. He feels a higher ranking administrative supervisor is necessary in the office, but there is no provision for one. A warrant officer could take some of the administrative responsibilities off the chaplain's shoulders.

The chaplain's assistants are also aiming for more specialization within the MOS. SP5 Bill Germain,

NCOIC of the Religious Activities Center, specializes in religious education. He instructs Sunday School, operates audio-visual and training aides, helps with the children's sports, and provides bus transportation for religious activities.

He finds the work, "rewarding, especially working with children," but he doesn't intend to make a career of it. Although he feels God called him to it for the present, he plans to return eventually to his original field of electronics by joining the Signal Corps.

SP4 Debra Delzer also felt called to the job and has no intention of leaving it. She says she has, "learned a lot about administration, people, and other denominations."

SP5 Hojem also enjoys meeting people from different backgrounds and having the opportunity to talk to them. Originally he intended to go to seminary and become a chaplain after his first enlistment. Now he's unsure because of the concern with rank and position he has seen in some chaplains.

His biggest frustration with the job, he says, "is that the company doesn't realize an assistant's duties, and so want us to be on funeral detail even though our job requires we attend many funerals already." He adds, "People stereotype the job as an easy one with short hours but it isn't."

SP4 Don Ingraham fell prey to this stereotype. When he switched from air traffic patrol he thought he was getting into a fairly easy job. He soon discovered otherwise, especially concerning working hours. Because of services outside the usual nine to five, Monday through Friday week, working hours vary, and it's hard to be guaranteed two full days off.

These unusual hours work to SP4 Bruce Nelson's advantage. He is finishing his undergraduate education so he can go to law school when he gets out. The flexible hours make his schedule easier. He became a chaplain's assistant because there was no opening as a legal clerk, but now that he's in it, he enjoys it.

Kids create Pilgrim landing

Photo by Bob Pack



Sandy Childs, teacher, helps recreate Pilgrim landing at Baker Beach.

It's a well known fact that the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts in November, 1620. Well, the children of the Presidio Kindergarten recreated that historic landing with a colorful costumed pageant at Baker Beach, Wednesday. With help from the school's teachers, the children made a make-believe landing, using a cardboard box for the Mayflower, and were fully dressed in paper costumes. Indians met the Pilgrims at Plymouth, so naturally boys and girls, dressed as Indians, were there to meet the "voyagers" on the beach. Some of the activities displayed after the "landing" were games that the Pilgrims and Indians taught each other, as was recorded in history. Some of the games were relay races, a snake dance, and even a buffalo hunt.

PS from SP

Save a life this Thanksgiving...drive safely.

Personnel management responsibilities

This is the second of a series of articles from the Civilian Personnel Office covering key points which supervisors (both civilian and military of civilian employees and employees) should know in the Department of the Army Civilian Personnel area. It is suggested that these be staff meeting items at all levels to assure widest distribution.

UNION Activities

The Presidio of San Francisco has been an active participant in the Federal Labor Relations Program since 1962. Federal unions have been active in the Department of Defense since the 1830's. The most recent "spurt" in union growth, however, occurred when the late President Kennedy signed Executive Order 10988 in 1962. This Executive Order established the first Government-wide policy and acknowledged the legitimate role of unions in representing employees on matters of personnel policy, practices, and matters affecting working conditions. At present the Federal Labor Relations Program is governed by the provisions of Executive Order 11491, as amended. The most recent amendments to this Executive Order were put into effect in February 1975. These amendments have again expanded the union role in the Federal sector.

Some of the most common questions the Civilian Personnel Division receives in this area are: who can join a union?—Any civilian employee may join a union. Should supervisors and managers advise their employees on the decision whether to join a union?—No. All levels of management must remain neutral on this question. The employee must make his own decision.

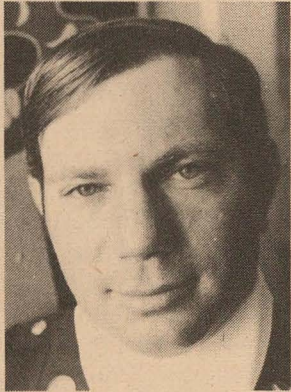
What are managers' and supervisors' responsibilities when any of their employees are in a bargaining unit under exclusive recognition?—Provide input and possibly participate in contract negotiations. In conjunction with representatives of Civilian Personnel Division, provide contract training to all appropriate supervisors. Monitor contract compliance in their work sections. Attend available labor relations training in order to stay abreast of current trends and developments.

Ramblin' Sam

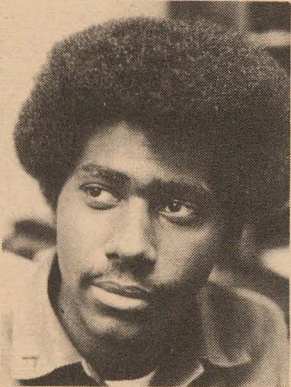


Would you like to see permanent CQs and runners? Why?

SSG Bernard Singer: "It would be great for those getting ready to leave the post or getting out of the Army. If these persons had, say, three months left to go, and were allowed to pull CQ with a one day on-two day off schedule, then they could attend to personal matters of leaving the post during the time off."



Pvt. Egbert Tharp: "It would be nice for those who like to work nights all the time. I do, so if I was given the chance, I'd do it."



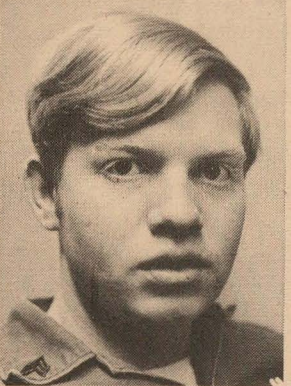
Sp5 Avis Standley: "I'd like to be a permanent CQ if given the chance. One reason is I like working nights which is when most CQ duty is pulled. If there were persons pulling the duty full time, then other persons could regulate their off time better because CQ duty wouldn't be hanging over their heads. Also, persons who have CQ are usually given the next day off. This cuts man-power in their office. Permanent CQs and runners would eliminate this."



PFC Kevin Hooper: "Some people don't like what they are doing for a job. Getting the chance to pull this kind of work instead may satisfy them, and take the burden off those who hate pulling CQ."



Sgt. Bill Thacker: "The only real advantage I see is that persons pulling this duty on a full time basis would get at least every other day off."



SSG Milton Crow: "I think it would defeat the purpose of everyone pulling a fair share of this type duty. If there were enough people wanting to do it, and do it responsibly, then the continuity of the same people doing the job would probably result in a better and a more efficient CQ."

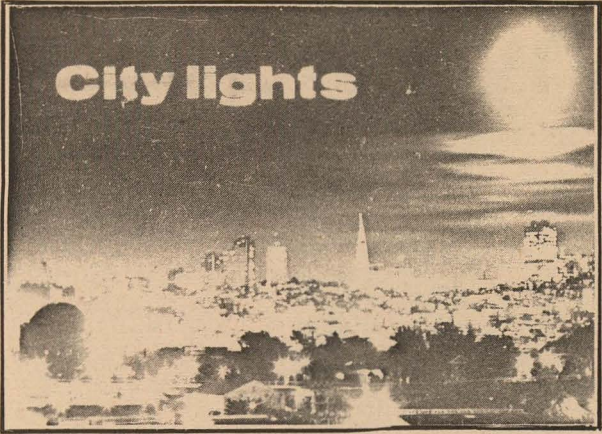


Photo by C.D. Steen

Friday, 21st Bullets, a local rock group, will provide music for the dance at the San Francisco USO at 7:30 p.m. A homecooked buffet will also be served for only \$1.00 adults, 50¢ children.

Tree conservation? A choir mounted on a 25 ft. pyramid scaffolding comprises "The Living Tree". They will be caroling in the holiday season at the Marin Veteran's Memorial Bldg., 8 p.m.

Saturday, 22nd The Great Dickens Christmas Fair and Pickwick Comic Annual begins today. Dickens' London of the mid-19th century is recreated in Fezziwig's Warehouse, next to the San Francisco Produce Market. Visit Scrooge's England for a day. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$1.75 for children.

Mail early: avoid delays

from the PENTAGRAM NEWS
by Julia Hubbel

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way. . . Well, it may be a touch early for Christmas songs, but it is not by any means too early to start planning your Christmas mail.

Everybody knows that the weeks before and after the holidays are the worst for the post office—gifts are received too late, Christmas cards arrive in January, cookies are stale from being held up in the crunch of parcel post.

Standard procedure for mailing cards and letters should include separating them into bundles marked "Local," "In-state" and "Out-of-state." Zip codes are of the utmost importance—check with any post office if you are in doubt. It only takes a phone call.

Another address problem which plagues the postman is the APO number used to send mail overseas. Again, check with the post office for the correct five-digit number for the three terminals: New York, San Francisco, and Seattle.

When sending mail to people in military units, be sure you know the correct address. There are countless combinations of squads, companies, battalions and embassies. One mistake can mean a long delay, especially over Christmas.

Simple rules to follow: Print clearly, put on a return address and use adequate postage. Wrap delicate items carefully and securely and mark "Fragile" on the wrapping.

Domestic Mails	Letters	Priority (Air Parcels More than 13 oz.		Surface Parcels
		Dec. 15	Dec. 21	
Contiguous 48 States	Dec. 15	Dec. 15	Dec. 20	Nov. 10
Alaska and Hawaii				
International Mail	Air Greeting Cards	Air Parcels	Surface Greeting Cards	
			Dec. 8	Dec. 2
Canada and Mexico	Dec. 19	Dec. 15	Dec. 8	Dec. 2
South and Central America	Dec. 16	Dec. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 11
Europe	Dec. 16	Dec. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 11
Africa	Dec. 14	Dec. 9	Nov. 4	Nov. 1
Near East	Dec. 14	Dec. 9	Nov. 4	Nov. 1
Far East	Dec. 14	Dec. 9	Oct. 25	Oct. 15
Overseas Military Mail	Airmail (PAL)	Space Available Mail (SAM)		Surface Mail
		Dec. 1	Nov. 25	
Azores	Dec. 9	Dec. 1	Nov. 25	Nov. 25
Canada (Greenland, Labrador, and Newfoundland)	Dec. 11	Dec. 1	Nov. 25	Nov. 25
South and Central America	Dec. 2	Nov. 18	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
Europe (Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and Spain)	Dec. 11	Nov. 27	Nov. 20	Nov. 11
Africa (excluding Ethiopia) (incl. Congo and Liberia)	Dec. 9	Nov. 18	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
Near East (Ethiopia, Iran, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Turkey)	Dec. 2	Nov. 7	Nov. 1	Nov. 1
Far East (Antarctica, Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Okinawa, Philippines, Taiwan, and Thailand)	Dec. 2	Nov. 27	Nov. 20	Oct. 28

Thanksgiving activity schedule

With the beginning of the holidays upon us, the spirit of generosity and festivity is hitting the Presidio.

Enlisted soldiers and non-regular officers with separation dates between December 16 and January 5, inclusively, can take advantage of the early separation policy and be out in plenty of time for Christmas. This year's early separation period has been established as December 1-15.

Hungry soldiers who can't make it home for Thanksgiving have two hearty free meals to choose from. The San Francisco USO is serving an old fashioned turkey and ham Thanksgiving dinner at 5 p.m. All military singles, marrieds, and dependents are welcome to share the home style dinner.

The recreation center will also serve a buffet at 6 p.m. to which all military and dependents are welcome. Come relax at either; or both if you feel up to accepting the challenge of two Thanksgiving dinners in one evening.

For your holiday convenience, from November 23 through December 28, the Presidio Package Beverage Store will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays in addition to the regular hours of operation. The store, located in the Fort Scott area in building 1331, will be featuring many specials and Christmas gift items.

The schedule for the Post Gym, Swimming Pool, and Bowling Center on Thanksgiving will be as follows:

Post Gym, Gldg No. 63Closed

Swimming Pool, Bldg. No. 69Closed

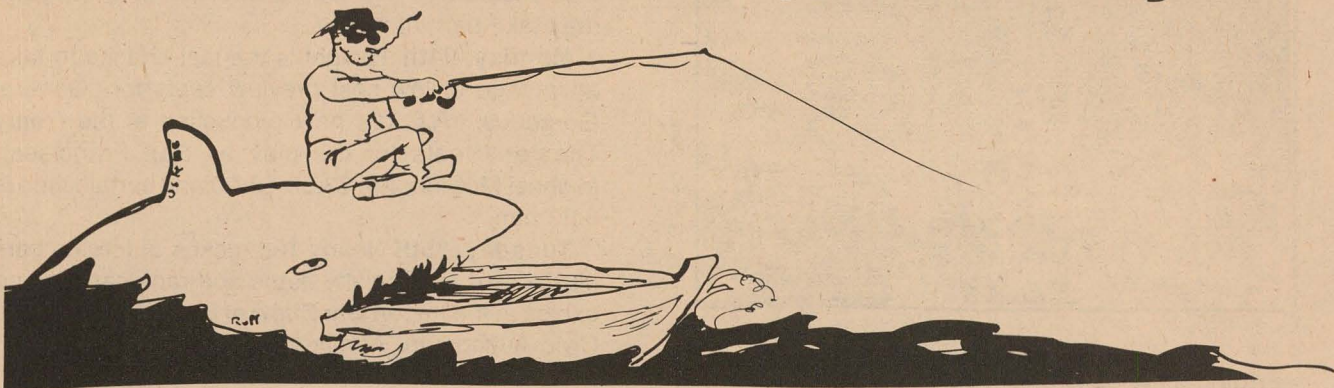
Bowling Center, Bldg. No. 13875-11 p.m. (open bowling)

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Something fishy in Bay



By Sergeant Al Eakle

All week long I kept getting taunted by my boss and friends. "You're going to get sick." "My wife was the first one to catch a fish and the first one to feed them." Soon I was to see if their taunts were truthful or just a myth, when my boss and myself went deep sea fishing on the McClellan Air Force Base vessel, the "Equinox."

Getting on the road at 3 a.m. that Sunday morning, I kept saying to myself "I'll show 'em. I'm not going to get sick." It was 5 a.m. when we pulled into the parking lot near the main gate at Treasure Island Naval Station.

We carried all of our gear on-board and drank some coffee, waiting for the rest of the 25 passengers who were going to venture some 30 miles out from the California coastline.

When everyone was on-board, we all gathered on deck for a briefing by the skipper, Robert Farrell. After the briefing, we prepared to set sail.

Most of the passengers stood on deck as we first passed the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, Alcatraz Island and finally the Golden Gate Bridge. With the chill of the wind and sea water spray across our faces, we watched the coastline slowly disappear behind.

Our four hour trip to the fishing grounds was uneventful. Some people slept, some read books, others just stood on deck and met new people. There were people on board from just about all of the service

branches. Most were stationed in the Northern California area.

While talking on deck to some people, I spotted a school of dolphins go by. This being my first time out deep sea fishing, I thought it was really neat.

Finally we were at the fishing grounds. After listening to the droning of the diesel engines for nearly four hours, it was so quiet when the engines stopped.

Everyone took a position around the boat and prepared to start fishing. Deck hands Gene Carriker and Mike Lynch went around giving last minute instructions. According to the fishfinder, fish were below us. Over-the-side went our lines.

Up and down we reeled in the line until finally, someone yelled "I've got one." Pretty soon someone answered with the same reply. But for this angler, no luck. Soon, we moved on.

At our second stop, my luck changed. I was beginning to wonder what was going on when I felt something tuggin on my line. Wat it seaweed? "It's probably just my luck that it is," I thought. I soon found out when I pulled in a nice fish, what kind I didn't know.

Suddenly like something out of the movie "Jaws" someone yelled "Looky there, he's got a blue shark." Sure enough it was, and a five foot one at that. He pulled him on board, had his picture taken with it, then threw him back overboard.

After a while, the skipper decided to move on. We pulled in our lines and took a quick breather as the vessel moved on to a third fishing spot.

We got to the third spot and began fishing. One of the fishermen began pulling in his line, thinking it was snagged. He soon found out the shag was really a 12 pound salmon. Where the time went, we didn't know but soon it was time to head back to shore.

I managed to catch a few "z's" on the way back and later found out I really missed something. While I was sleeping, a huge sea turtle swam pass the vessel.

Suddenly our trip was over. We said goodbye to the crew and fishermen we had met, and headed back for home.

The Equinox is available for both bottom and salmon fishing, as well as bay cruises, from Recreation Supply. The cost is \$14 for active duty and retired military personnel and their dependents. The cost for civilians is \$16.

For a salmon trip, a minimum of 18 people have to sign up. Bottom fishing requires a minimum of 20 people. Both trips have a maximum of 20 people. If you can't get that many people together, Recreation Supply will help fill it.

A deposit of \$20 is required. It's refundable if you have to cancel the trip, provided you do so before 48 hours prior to going fishing.

Military personnel can make a reservation anytime after the 10th of the following month.

Military at other bases can make a reservation after the 15th.

Civilians can make a reservation after the 20th.

If you can't get a group together but want to go fishing, then call Recreation Supply and they'll put you on a waiting list.

By the way, the cost for fishing includes everything except food and beverage. Fish cleaning on the way back is also extra.

There's one thing I forgot to say. I didn't get sick.

NOTE: The fishing vessel is available to all military personnel, both active duty and retired, their dependents, all DOD civilian employees, in the Northern California area.

Interested parties should contact their local Special Services office for more information and reservations.

SHORT SPORT



Volunteers needed for Youth Basketball

Due to the great number of youths participating in the Presidio Youth Basketball Program, a dire need presently exists for coaches. Several teams have been selected but are without the services of a coach. With the season to get underway very shortly, it is imperative that coaches or assistant coaches be located or it will become ne necessary to establish a waiting list. This method would disappoint numerous youths who desire to participate. All interested personnel are urged to contact the Youth Activities Director, Bldg. 122, Ext. 2002/3637.

Youth Flag Football Standings: Thru November 19, 1975

Majors (10-12 yrs.)	Won	Lost
Dolphins	6	2
Bengals	5	3
Cowboys	5	3
Steelers	0	8

Minors (13-15 yrs.)	Won	Lost
Vikings	9	0
Pats	6	3
Bills	3	6
Colts	0	9

The final League standings for flag football are as follows:

Presidio League	Won	Lost
LAMC #1	10	0
USAG	5	5
402nd MP	5	5
LAIR	5	5
170th MP	3	7
DARB	1	9

Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
Dist. Corps of Eng.	9	1
LAMC #2	9	1
HHD 504th MP Bn	6	4
WRRRC	3	7
864th Eng.	3	7
Reference Lab	0	10

The top two teams from each league will begin playoffs on Nov. 24. The District Corps of Engineers isn't eligible for the playoffs, so LAMC #2 and HHD 504th MP Bn will represent the Ft. Scott League. LAMC #1 and whichever team breaks the tie for second will play for the Presidio League.

FOCUS



By A. C. Reyes

Shooting for maximum sharpness.

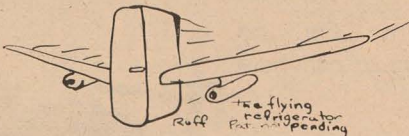
Photographers are always trying to obtain maximum sharpness in their photographs. Somewhere along the line, photographers become aware that a sharp picture creates a much more favorable impression than a soft one. Immediately afterwards, photogs can be seen persuing test reports of this lens and that one, and forever trying some exotic combination of film and developer.

I am not going to say that a high quality lens and a careful choice of film and developer aren't helpful. But before you start trading your old glasseye for that super-duper-ultra-sharp-quadruple-coated new lens, perhaps some attention should be given to some very basic items that are almost guaranteed to improve the apparent sharpness of your pictures.

Let's assume that you can focus correctly. By that I mean that you have to focus in order to get a sharp photograph. There are two factors to consider:

Camera shake and vibration. These two bugaboos can drastically affect sharpness in a picture. Now I know that almost everyone who has a camera seems to think that they can handhold a camera for incredibly long exposures. (I include myself in that category.) Bracing against a wall and making a half second exposure is something that really will impress people when you say "I made this shot at half a second." But this technique will produce an unsharp picture. As a matter of fact, anything under 1/125 second will degrade the image. More on this in the next column.

Suggestions earn



Sometimes a suggestion is born before its time has arrived.

- The first successful cast iron plow, invented in the United States in 1797, was rejected by New Jersey farmers on the theory that cast iron would poison the land and stimulate the growth of weeds.
- In Germany, the experts said blood would spurt from the passengers' noses and they would suffocate if trains were allowed to run at the frightful speed of 15 miles an hour.
- Clothing manufacturers jeered the proposal to put zippers in men's trousers. They said, "That's silly. . . men won't wear them. . . there will be accidents. . . we will be sued."
- When Buffington took out patents on the steel-frame sky-scraper in 1888, the "Architectural News" predicted the plaster would crack when the iron expanded and contracted.
- A committee appointed by silk manufacturers to study the possibilities of rayon declared the material was a transient fad.

Time has proven the evaluators of these suggestions wrong. The suggestions have been implemented, improved and expanded over and over. It proves some suggesters are far ahead of evaluators when it comes to creativity.

It behooves evaluators to be a little more careful with future suggestions, even though at first reading they may appear a little far fetched. Those who don't could have people laughing at them in the years ahead.

The Army has a suggestion program for military personnel and civilians. You may not be an Edison, but your suggestion may be a timely one which will save your government manhours as well as money. Check it out with your supervisor or commander.

(AFPS)

Now mandatory for reenlistment/O'Sea assignment

Women take rifle training

5 Dec 75
Story and photos by C.D. Steen

For the past three days, 41 Presidio-based women have undergone extensive training on the M-16, as taught by members of Ft. Ord's Marksmanship Training Unit (MTU), and by the Ft. Barry rifle range staff members.

The weapons training course was conducted at the Ft. Barry rifle range. The classroom instruction began with the care and cleaning of the M-16, disassembly and reassembly, the characteristics of the weapon and how to battle zero the sights.

After classroom instruction, the women zeroed their weapon on a special 25 meter range. The following two days the soldiers fired for record on the 25, 100, 200, and 300 meter ranges. Their targets were pop-up silhouettes that automatically went down when hit.



A range NCO demonstrates how to stack rifles to the women soldiers.



Looking apprehensive with her first experience with the M-16 rifle, Sp4 Debbie West receives instruction on sighting the weapon from an instructor.

Some of the women who had never fired a rifle, or at least a high-powered one, were initially frightened.

"I was really scared just before I pulled the trigger the first time," said Sp4 Debbie West of the post photo facility, who although getting out soon, plans to join the Army reserves. "I was surprised when it went off. I didn't know when it was going to shoot, and I think I jumped as much as the rifle did. But I enjoyed it after I got used to shooting it a couple of times."

"I've never fired any kind of gun in my life," said Sp4 Jane Mountain, who works in the X-ray department at Letterman Hospital. "I was so surprised at the rifle's power. It was more enjoyable than I had thought it would be."

Sp4 Debra Belzer, who works at the religious activities center, said she just didn't like her first experience with a rifle. But her second try to battle zero her

M-16 proved to be one of the best shot groups fired. "The Lord must have been with me," she quipped.

The officer in charge of the women's venture into rifle firing was Captain Doan Lusk, who learned to shoot when she was only six years old and fired competitively in college. She is fully supportive of women learning to fire weapons. Not only for combat support, she said, but just knowing how to defend oneself with a firearm in private life.

"I think making soldiers learn to shoot rifles is one of the most positive things that has happened to women in the service," said Cpt. Lusk. Lusk, who is the race relations officer for post, said that women have always been taught that it was "unladylike" to handle guns, and that men were taught the same. But times are changing, she said, and women are taking part more and more in this modern world—including learning to fire weapons.

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Soldier saved in cliff rescue

A Presidio soldier was rescued after falling 25 feet into the rocks near Ft. Baker on November 25.

Sp5 Eddie G. Radford, a 26-year-old Tennessee native with the 864th Engineers, suffered a broken ankle in the fall, which happened at Horseshoe Cove about 3 p.m.

After a Coast Guard helicopter had failed to rescue Radford due to high winds in the remote cove, a rescue team of Park Rangers, Presidio fire fighters and two other men assigned to the Presidio, placed the victim in a litter and carried him up more than 1,000 feet of rough terrain to a waiting Letterman ambulance.

The rescue took two hours to complete because of the inaccessibility of the area. This is the 34th outdoor rescue for the fire department in the last two years.

Specialist Radford, now on crutches at Letterman, says he intends to climb rocks in the future. He will be released from the hospital on December 10.



A Presidio fireman and Park rangers hoist stretchered Sp5 Eddie G. Radford up Marin cliff.

Photo by Bob Pack

News notes

Adult tennis lessons

Classes are scheduled to begin on or about Dec. 9, and will be held at Infantry Terrace Tennis Courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mr. Bill Strong will be the instructor. There will be 10 one hour lessons at a cost of \$30.00 per person, payable not later than 4 p.m., Dec. 3. Sign-ups are on a first come, first served basis and are valid once fees are paid. A minimum of six persons are required for a class. Schedule is as follows:

- 9 - 10 a.m., 1-2 p.m., Beginners
 - 10-11 a.m., 2-3 p.m., Intermediate
- For further information, call Ext. 4120/5032.



FIND IT
This outside light, shaped like a bell, may be an interesting subject for FIND IT buffs. Last issue's discoverers of the dumpster sign in front of the recycling center were: Mrs. Connie Haines, Cpt. Marc Benezra and Sp5 Agnes Ellis.

Presidio officers' club

Santa will make his annual visit to the club on Sunday, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. He will have Christmas Stockings for the kiddies and Christmas Greetings for Mom and Dad. Dancing to the music of Joe Brigandi from 6 to 9 p.m. Family Buffet from 5 to 8 p.m.
New Year's Eve tickets will go on sale Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. in the Moraga Ballroom. The cost is \$20.00 per person, and includes New York Steak Dinner, Breakfast, and Party Favors.

Holiday PCS moves

According to a Department of the Army message, personnel on orders to PCS overseas between 7 a.m. December 18, and 5 p.m. January 4, are required to move during the holiday period only if they volunteer. Service members will not be precluded from taking the minimum PCS leave authorized, nor will they be forced to take more than the number of days authorized merely for administrative convenience. This policy may result in retention of individuals at the losing installation during the holiday period.

Yoga and Skiing

Central YMCA is sponsoring a Cross-Country Skiing and Yoga weekend to South Lake Tahoe, December 12-14. Yoga, Muggage, forms of Relaxation and Ski instructions will be offered. The trip departs from the central Y, Friday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. For further information call the Central YMCA at 885-0460.

MP helps fireman

When SP covered the fire at the 402nd Military Police Company three weeks ago, we neglected to mention an interesting incident. Firefighter Henry Abraham, in the top of the burning building, noticed his oxygen running low. He went to the stairwell to go downstairs, but slipped and fell down the steps.
Sp5 Andrew Courtney, assigned to the MP company, noticed Abraham's plight, went inside the smoke-filled hallway, and assisted the firefighter to safety.

Plan now for holiday travel



Thousands of soldiers will join throngs of travelers at airline, bus and railroad terminals during the Christmas/New Year holiday period.

Soldiers are encouraged to complete transportation arrangements as soon as possible to make sure their travel plans aren't frustrated.

Active duty or recently discharged soldiers traveling at their own expense can take advantage of reduced fares on a number of transportation means.

Here are some general eligibility requirements soldiers traveling on leave or pass must meet to qualify for military leave fares.

Travel by rail: Active duty soldiers must show their ID at the time of ticket purchase. Discharged soldiers must present their separation orders or equivalent documentation within seven days of discharge date. At the request of trainmen, personnel must present identification. Travel in uniform is not required.

Fares are about 75 percent of adult one-way and round-trip coach fares. Military furlough fares do not apply on Metroliners or in parlor car or sleeping car accommodations. There are no travel time restrictions.

Travel by Bus: Traveler must present, at time of ticket purchase and upon request, copy of official leave papers or ID card. Travel in uniform not required.

Bus furlough fares are limited to selected points in the Eastern states and between Eastern and Mid-western states and apply to one-way and round-trip travel with no travel time restrictions.

Travel by Air: Soldiers must show at time of ticket purchase and upon request of carrier personnel, their valid active duty ID. Discharged soldiers who will complete their travel within seven days of separation must present separation orders as proof of eligibility.

Travel in uniform not required.
Airlines offer military leave fares at about 75 percent of the applicable coach fare. Reservations must be made in advance of the scheduled flight departure, except on Eastern Airlines' air-shuttle flights on which line tickets may be purchased on board. Military leave fares apply at all times.

Soldiers can relax in USO lounges at a number of major airports and some airlines provide hospitality lounges for travelers holding tickets to depart on their flights.

Information desks are in operation at the majority of the transportation terminals. Soldiers who need information on schedules and local transportation may obtain assistance at any one of these desks. (ANF)

PS from SP

Common sense dictates driving care during the holiday drinking season.

Movies

Presidio
Friday, Dec. 5, The Hound That Thought He Was A Raccoon and Bambi (G) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢, Children 35¢.
Saturday, Dec. 6, The Hound That Thought He Was A Raccoon and Bambi, 2 & 6 p.m.; Take A Hard Ride (PG) 8 p.m., Adults \$1.00, Children 50¢.
Sunday, Dec. 7, Take A Hard Ride, 6 and 8 p.m., Adults \$1.00, Children 50¢.
Monday, Dec. 8, Take A Hard Ride, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 9, Jeremiah Johnson (PG) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢, Children 35¢.
Wednesday, Dec. 10, Death Race 2000 (R) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢, Children 35¢.
Thursday, Dec. 11, The Reincarnation of Peter Proud (R) 7 p.m., Adults \$1.00, Children 50¢.

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Friday, Dec. 5, Wilby Conspiracy (PG) 7 p.m., Adults \$1.00, Children 50¢.
Monday, Dec. 8, The Hound That Thought He Was A Raccoon and Bambi (G) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢, Children 35¢.
Tuesday, Dec. 9, Zardoz (R) 7 p.m., Adults 50¢, Children 25¢.
Wednesday, Dec. 10, Take A Hard Ride (PG) 7 p.m., Adults \$1.00, Children 50¢.
Thursday, Dec. 11, Jeremiah Johnson (PG) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢, Children 35¢.

Presidio units go to field

The Presidio's 227th Medical Detachment and the 864th Engineer Battalion participated together in a field training exercise (FTX), held at Fort Ord, November 17-21.

Some of the highlights the two units accomplished were record firing the M-16, familiarization with the M-60 machine gun, day-night land navigation, and the leadership reaction course.

The 227th Med. Det. taught classes on field sanitation to other units during an actual field situation.

This FTX was the first for the small epidemiology unit.

Operation of "off-the-roadway vehicles"

Part Twelve, Section III of PSF Reg 210-10 states in part, "No person shall drive or propel any vehicle within the Presidio of San Francisco boundaries and within the boundaries of the subposts of Forts Barry, Baker, and Cronkhite except upon the roads, drive-ways, paths, and highways provided, and designated by the Commanding Officer, Presidio of San Francisco, for such use." There are no roads, paths, or trails on this installation designated for mini-bikes or other off the roadway vehicles. Thus, it is the Command's policy at this time that such vehicles cannot be operated on the Presidio or its subposts.

Freedom train around the bend



The American Freedom Train, a traveling exhibit of Americana exhibits and historical artifacts, will be open to people with tickets on Crissy Field at the Presidio, December 10-13. The exhibit may draw more than 16,000 visitors per day.

During the train's stay at Crissy Field the steam-powered locomotive will be unhooked from the exhibit cars and displayed at Aquatic Park.

Freedom Train hours are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., but school children have priority from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Food, soft drinks and limited parking will be available to the public at Crissy Field. Use of car pools, mass transportation or group trips is urged. Municipal Railway buses #28 and #45 should be used in San Francisco.

Tickets will not be available for sale on post, but must be pre-purchased from the following ticket agencies:

1. Bass Ticket Agency, 835-4100 (for information).
 2. Liberty House, Stockton & O'Farrell, 772-2121.
 3. Pacific Stereo, 1422 Market St., 861-4843.
 4. Pacific Stereo, 3355 Geary Blvd., 387-8581.
- Cost: \$2.10 and \$1.10 per ticket.

Note to photographers: Filter information and photographic ground rules are available from the Freedom Train publicity staff, 433-3135.

Traffic for the Freedom Train will be very heavy in the PX/Commissary area this coming week. The Presidian suggests you do your shopping now!

Star Presidian

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Dining hall no longer a mess

Photo by C.D. Steen



People eat a quiet lunch amidst muted conversations and piped-in music. The carpeted floor and panelled walls absorb the sound of dishes being cleared by white-coated attendants. Despite the carpets, music and panelled walls, this is not a fancy restaurant. It's the newly furnished dining hall of Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison.

More than three months after they took their meal cards down to the drab portals of building 617, Garrison soldiers have returned to their old dining hall in building 110 which has been open for a week now. It's a very hospitable place according to the people eating there.

How do the troops feel? Sp5 Sam Halstead, who has spent almost two years at the Presidio, says, "It's much better than it was. I think the carpeting really adds a classy touch."

Another soldier, also here two years, says, "The narrow doorways into the serving line channel people through in a more orderly way."

Another soldier at the same table comments, "It's a lot quieter now and I like it."

"The food is the same, though," adds another.

Sergeant First Class Luciano De La Cruz, Mess Sergeant of the facility, says that curtains will soon cover the now-bare windows and plants and paintings will hang on the walls. In any case, Army chow or not, Garrison soldiers now have a pleasanter place to eat.

Personnel management responsibilities

This is the third in a series of articles covering key points which military and civilian supervisors of civilians and all civilian employees should know regarding the Department of the Army Civilian Personnel Management program.

Selecting and assigning employees

Ideally, managers and supervisors should create and maintain a management climate which results in the ability to attract and retain well qualified employees. When the voluntary loss rate appears excessive in a particular organization, it is important that the real reasons for employees leaving be determined and corrective action taken.

All supervisors should have a copy of PSF Regulation 690-5, Civilian Personnel Merit Promotion and Placement, 14 May 1975. Although the Civilian Personnel Office (CPO) has provided orientation on this regulation for supervisors and employees, the supervisor continues to have the primary responsibility for answering employees' questions on merit promotion and placement.

Authority to make selections from among candidates referred by the Civilian Personnel normally should be delegated to the first full level of supervision. This usually is the level next above Wage Grade working leaders (or their Classification Act equivalents). It is essential that each supervisor consult with the next higher supervisor as to delegated authority in the selection process, i.e., to select or to recommend selections.

When employees who have been demoted through no fault of their own (Repromotion Eligibles) appear on lists of best qualified candidates, they must be selected unless compelling reasons can be presented, in writing, of a valid basis for non-selection. Non-selection of repromotion eligibles is subject to review by the Commander concerned and the Civilian Personnel Officer.

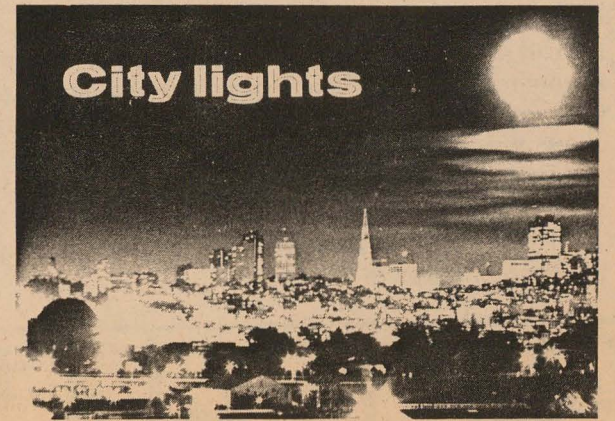
All supervisors are expected to give maximum support to special interest programs such as upward mobility, employment of minorities and women, the hiring of handicapped and various youth programs.

Employees are responsible to provide CPO with data as to any additional skills they have acquired, such as significant community or professional activities and additional training, in order that their Official Personnel Folders will be up to date.

Supervisors must include any desired selective placement factors with recruitment requests when these are essential to successful performance in the position. As such, they constitute a part of the minimum qualification requirements. They may not be used merely because it would be desirable for candidates to possess them. Examples of appropriate selective factors are knowledge of a language other than English and willingness to travel extensively.

Selective Placement factors should not be confused with Highly Qualifying Criteria. Highly Qualifying Criteria must be submitted by the supervisor to be used to identify those candidates whose qualifications are over and above basic or minimum qualifications. Highly qualifying criteria must relate to skills, knowledge, abilities and personal characteristics which are required for successful performance of the position and are those requirements established in addition to the basic qualification requirements.

City lights



Friday, 5th The Opera Variety Theater will present "A Song in the Night," a play with music by Bach, Handel, Pergolesi and also folk carols and dancing. The performances will be held December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, and 20 at 8 p.m., with a Sunday Matinee December 14 at 3 p.m. The OVT is located at 3944 Balboa St. Admission is \$2.50 adults, \$1.50 children and senior citizens.

Saturday, 6th When the Great Dickens Christmas Fair was mentioned two weeks ago, I failed to mention that it would continue weekends through December 28. There's still time to step into the Victorian England of Dicken's day, and get some ideas for Christmas gifts and decorations.

If you've already seen the Dickens Fair, there's an American Indian Christmas Arts & Craft Show & Sale at the Books Hall Civic Center. It's open 10 a.m. through 9 p.m. today, and 10 a.m. through 6 p.m. tomorrow.

Sunday, 7th "This Night of All the Year" is a celebration of a Victorian Christmas Eve, presented by the Little Theatre of the Palace of the Legion of Honor. Puppet shows using old-fashioned rod puppets, and music will be part of the festivities. Admission is \$1.00 for the show which continues through December 24. Showtimes are Wednesdays and Fridays at 2:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at noon and 2:30 p.m., and December 22, 23 and 24 at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, 8th Shakey's Pizza Parlor on Chestnut Street not only serves pizza, but it features old cartoons and films for free.

Tuesday, 9th Eleanor Dickinson and her students will meet daily in the gallery of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor through December 14 to draw large scale drawings of people, old and young. A constantly changing display of their works will be shown. The Palace is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Wednesday, 10th Not sure what kind of music you like best? Dale Polissar borrows from classical, Eastern, and jazz traditions for his clarinet and piano music. He'll perform at 8 p.m. at the Exploratorium for a 25¢ donation admission.

Thursday, 11th The Christmas Star is the new show at Morrison Planetarium. Showtime is 2 p.m. daily with an 8 p.m. show on Wednesdays and Thursdays. There is an additional 3:30 p.m. show on Saturdays, Sundays, and December 26. Admission is 50¢ adults, 25¢ children.

Entertainment review

By Whitney V. Baxendale

Watching "The Andersonville Trial," put on by the Presidio Players, the thought will occur to you that war criminals are always taken from the ranks of the losing side. This may be something the author intends the audience to realize, but the play goes far beyond that and is a fascinating study for a military audience.



"Andersonville"

On the surface, the trial of a commandant of the notorious Confederate POW camp at Andersonville, the play also depicts the trial of at least two other men. The defense and prosecuting attorneys. Each is on trial in his own eyes, and each must, just as the commandant, determine to what extent his moral convictions override his military duty or career. More simply, is it a soldier's duty to refuse to obey "bad" orders?

The resolution of this will cause the professional soldier to do some extremely difficult soul-searching.

In the military, we all must answer the question posed by the judge advocate. "There are larger issues than a man's own convictions, aren't there?" and live with the answer we provide ourselves.

Most of the cast in this production have no lines, being silent observers or court members, and the action is carried by the powerful, badgering, relentless voice of Robert Struckman, who plays the judge advocate (prosecutor). Watch also for the extremely solid and credible defense counsel portrayal by Tom Johnson.

Performances are tonight (8 p.m.; December 6 (8 p.m.); December 7 (7 p.m.); December 12, and 13 (8 p.m.; and December 14 (7 p.m.).

U. S. Army photo

The 3,000 ft. step

By Carol Cronin

"Why would anyone want to jump out of a perfectly good plane?"

Despite this typical reaction to skydiving, the number of people addicted to throwing themselves to the mercy of the wind, gravity, and a hopefully reliable parachute is growing.

In fact, several military and civilian employees of the Presidio, myself included, took the plunge last weekend at the Yolo County airport near Travis AFB. Of course, we worked our way into this gradually. First we were lectured on safety, and our responsibility in insuring our own. Among other tips, the instructor told us, "We check the equipment twice once it's on you. If we forget the second check, it's your responsibility to tell us. Skydiving is foolproof, but not idiot proof, so use your heads."

Then we learned how to jump correctly from a five foot platform into gravel. Since the plane would be only 2,995 feet higher than this, you can imagine how well prepared we felt for the jump.

After the final phase of the lesson, which was learning what to do if the main chute either didn't open or had a defect when it did open, we were told we were ready for our jump. Since the parachute would open automatically for us, we learned these procedures only in the event of an emergency.

The first three students, out of 12 in the class, donned coveralls, harness, main and safety chutes, and radio (to hear the instructor's directions on the way down). They were tested on the routine of what to do in all situations. This included performing maneuvers to the count of "arch one thousand, two one thousand, look one thousand," etc. They also answered questions like:

"How do you land in a power line?"

"You don't!"

"What do you do if your safety chute comes open in the open doorway of the plane?"

"Go out the door with it."

So, buoyed by our good wishes and excited cheers, the three pioneer students, the jump master, and the pilot crushed into the small plane and took off.

We watched in amazement as the jump master read the wind wrong and put the first two jumpers out in the wrong spot, so that they were far from the target. In fact, one came close to landing on a house, and even though landing on the ground, broke a leg. Luckily, one of the jumpers was a doctor and so set his leg with an inflatable splint before he was taken to the hospital. By the time the last student jumped, the jump master had learned from his mistakes and she landed only a couple hundred feet from the target.

Undaunted, or at least not totally daunted by this, two more students and I took our places in the plane. After leaning forward during takeoff to help the small plane become airborne, I leaned back and realized my equipment hadn't been checked a second time before getting in the plane. I asked one of the other students in a whisper if hers had been, and found she'd also forgotten until then. I'm afraid we failed the test and sank from fools to idiots because we let it ride. After all, "What a way to go!" we agreed.

There's no way you can be prepared for the feeling of letting go of the plane. Again I'm afraid I failed to live up to my training. The last thing on my mind was going through the practiced motions. I didn't do anything until after my chute opened, when I grabbed the two lines, or toggles, and steered toward the target under the direction of the instructor speaking through the radio.

While drifting quietly down, a voice out of the blue asked me how I liked it. I doubted that it was my guardian angel but couldn't think where it came from, until once on the ground my jump master asked my why I had ignored him when the pilot had done a



180 degree turn so that he could jump and maneuver until he was right above me.

For those who are interested in sport parachuting despite this article, classes are given every Saturday at the Yolo County Airport, and cost \$25.00 for the first lesson and jump. Military and civilians pay the same amount. Classes start between 9 and 10 a.m., and hopefully you make your jump the same day. If not, they start out jumping right away on Sunday.

Military who intend to continue with the sport can join the club from Travis and save money by using their equipment. The second through fifth jumps, which require the presence of a jump master, are \$10.50 for civilians and \$7.50 for military who join the club. After that, each jump up to 3500 feet is \$3.50. This \$3.50 doesn't include equipment, so if you don't join the club, you also have to provide your own, or rent equipment. The instructor has insurance to cover your first five jumps.

Have a soft landing.

SPORTS

Youth basketball program

The Youth Basketball Leagues started Dec. 1. Games are played Mon. thru Fri. at the Post Gym starting at 4:30 p.m., and Mond., Wed., Thu., and Fri. at the Letterman Gym starting at 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, games will be played at the Post Gym and Letterman Gym starting at 12 noon and 1 p.m. respectively. Parents are urged to attend and spectators are welcome.

Youth Flag Football Standings: Final Results

Majors (10-12 yrs.)	Won	Lost
Dolphins	8	2
Bengals	7	3
Cowboys	7	3
Steelers	0	10

Minors (13-15 yrs.)	Won	Lost
Vikings	9	0
Pats	6	3
Bills	3	6
Colts	0	9

Start of youth basketball leagues

On December 1, at 4:30 p.m., the Youth Basketball Program will get underway at the Post Gymnasium, Bldg. 63. Opening ceremonies will take place prior to the start of the first game. All parents are urged to attend and support this program. Everyone is invited. See Youth Basketball at its best.

Women's singles tennis tourney

The results of the Presidio Women's Tennis Club's Single Tennis Tournament are as follows:

No. 1, Sue Vermillion

No. 2, Bev Carpenter

No. 3, Joy Dicus

No. 4, Niki Buchanan



John Hampton of the Presidio zips around other members of the United States Armed Forces Basketball team during recent practice sessions held at the Post Gym. The basketball team will participate in the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe (SHAPE) tournament held in Belgium, December 9-16. Presidio coach Hal Fischer has been running the ball team through practices for two weeks prior to the team's departure to Belgium.

Bowlers Victory Legion

Mary Schuster, who works for Army Community Services, took second place in the Class A Division of the Bowlers Victory Legion. Dennizade Dixon of Sixth Army came in first in the Class B Division.

Junior rifle club

The PSF Junior Rifle Club is seeking new members. All dependents, male and female, ages 10-18, are encouraged to learn the skill of shooting. Registration will be held every Friday during the month of December, 6:30 p.m., at the Fort Scott Rifle Range, Building 1369. Beginners classes will commence the first Friday in January.

Flag Football

The final standings for flag football are:

Presidio League	Won	Lost
LAMC #1	10	0
LAIR	5	5
Ft. Scott League	Won	Lost
LAMC #2	9	1
HHD 504th	6	4

Post Championship	Won	Lost
LAMC #1	3	0
HHD 504th	2	2
LAMC #2	1	2
LAIR	0	2

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It should come as no surprise that married folks living on post like their situations better than singles. What are the underlying reasons for this? How does on-post housing compare with off. And how are bachelor quarters in comparison with married quarters?

To answer these questions, SP has put together an article we call:

part 1: Family

By Carol Cronin

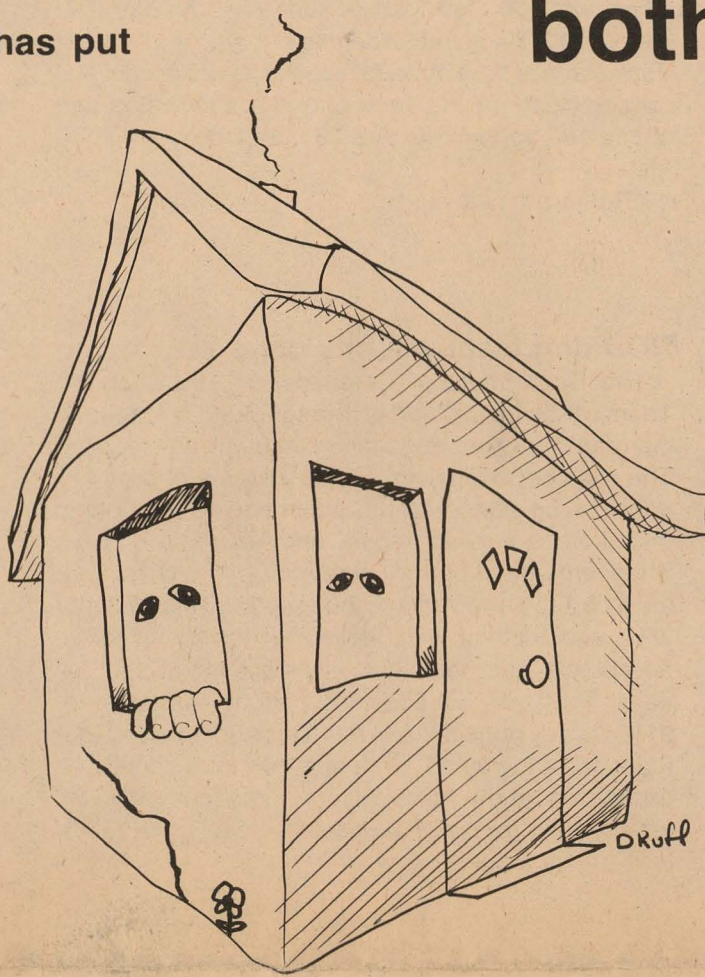
On-post families at the Presidio, although enjoying many of the entertainment benefits of big city life, also enjoy the slower pace and greater security of suburban type living. At least that was one of the reasons Presidio families gave for choosing on-post housing instead of renting or buying off post.

The Presidio is lucky in that the number of families requesting on-post housing isn't too much greater than the number of available units. Mr. James Corum, Chief of the Housing Division, reported an approximate 90-day waiting period maximum for families requesting on-post housing.

The majority of the families we interviewed said they received their housing within a reasonable length of time, often within a month. In fact, one senior serviceman turned down the first housing unit he was offered. This meant his name went to the bottom of the list, but since his was the only name on it, he didn't have to wait long for another house.

The list for lower grades tends to be longer, but even it isn't too unreasonable. There are 1,372 adequate family housing units at the Presidio and its sub-installations, which include Forts Baker, Barry, Mason and Hamilton. With the varied housing available, it is even possible for lower grade personnel to find themselves assigned to a house with a nice yard and beautiful view; something that is next to impossible in the city.

The overall housing situation is fairly constant, but certain aspects vary greatly from month to month, Mr. Corum advised. So for help in getting settled, or even for housing problems that arise later, contact the



housing office for the most up to date factual information. The office has recently moved to Bldg. 227, phone 561-3452.

Economic advantages are a main reason for living on post. Commuting costs are negligible. Housing in the city, comparable to what a family receives on post, would very likely be outside the families' price range, since San Francisco has the third highest cost of living index of all U.S. cities.

part 2: Bachelor

In contrast to the family housing situation, a majority of the single enlisted personnel living on post are dissatisfied with their quarters, and if given the choice, would live off post.

The single soldier on the Presidio doesn't have as fortunate a situation as a married soldier of the same rank. According to regulation, an E1 through E4 can be assigned as little as 90 sq. ft. personal area in a bedroom with three other people. Yet an enlisted person of the same rank who is married, has 550 sq. ft. for himself and his spouse, or 225 sq. ft. per person. Even a 10-year-old dependent is considered as needing the privacy of a bedroom of his own.

Luckily, most singles living in the barracks have more than this minimum. Some even have a room of their own, but unless it's smaller than 180 sq. ft., there's no guarantee that a stranger won't move in at any time. By regulation, a single person must become an E6 before she or he is entitled to a private bedroom.

Present policy states that grades through E6 must live in the barracks until the barracks is being fully utilized. Within this policy, unit commanders try to give individuals as much space and privacy as possible, but doubling up is inevitable.

The women's barracks

Although there is a kitchen of some sort provided in most women's barracks, it is rarely used. Everyone in the women's barracks has access to the refrigerator, cupboards, etc., so it isn't wise to leave food or cooking utensils there. In fact, in some barracks, woman

who use the refrigerator a lot resort to storing their snacks in locked tackle boxes.

Entertaining guests can also be a problem. The common civilian practice of entertaining a date or friends at home is usually forbidden in the barracks. Despite the lack of privacy, the barracks share some of the conveniences of on-post family housing in that they are less expensive than an apartment, commuting can be accomplished on foot, and are closer to post evening activities.

Mr. Larry Landon from Presidio Master Planning said that privacy was one of the main concerns in the design of the Medical Company Enlisted Women's Barracks (without dining facility) that are now being built. These barracks are the first in a congressionally appropriated project which will eventually house most of the Presidio's single enlisted men and women. The barracks now under construction are scheduled for completion in October, 1976, and have space for 160 Medical Company women. Construction on the remaining barracks will begin in fiscal year 1979, with space for 617 enlisted men and women.

The barracks will be built on a modular system with four bedrooms surrounding a central combination TV room, living room, and kitchen. Each building (there are three in the Medical Company Women's barracks) will have three floors and six of the four bedroom units.

Any E7s living in the barracks will have a bedroom of their own. E5s and E6s will have one roommate, and E1s through E4s will have two roommates. If the barracks aren't full, there will be less than this maximum number in each room. To gain some privacy,

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Housing: both sides now

The Army's minimum bedroom requirement is complied with in determining the size unit a family needs. This regulation states that a one bedroom unit shouldn't have less than 550 sq. ft.; a two bedroom less than 750 sq. ft.; a three bedroom less than 960 sq. ft.; and a four bedroom less than 1,080 sq. ft.

It further states that no child should have to share a bedroom with his parents; not more than two children should have to share a bedroom; children age six or over shouldn't have to share a bedroom with a child of the opposite sex; and a child age ten or older is entitled to a separate bedroom.

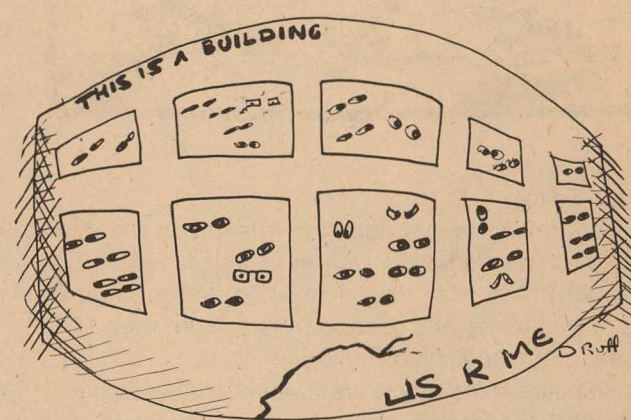
A family is rarely offered less than this minimum, and sometimes more when that's all that is available. If a family does receive more bedrooms than the regulation establishes as sufficient they don't need to worry that they'll be shifted when housing with fewer bedrooms becomes available. The excess moving would cause undue expense for the Army.

Not utopia

Unfortunately, family housing on the Presidio is not Utopia. Vandalism exists, though not as seriously as in the city. One housewife complained of the lack of animal control in the housing areas.

Personal property insurance is high, even though the Presidio appears much safer than living in the civilian community.

Despite these drawbacks, Presidio families usually find housing more convenient and comfortable than they expected. Because of the transience of military people, the advantage of not being tied financially to one area, yet not having to compromise on the quality of the housing, is great.



despite sharing a room, each bed and dresser area will be recessed with a sliding door to further separate it.

The Armed Forces may soon be seeing a dramatic change in the housing policy for both bachelors and families. The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) have just completed a study, and have concluded that there are inequities in all the services' housing programs. As a result of their conclusions, they have developed the Fair Market Rental Proposal.

Con't on pg 4

A correction to last week's story on the Freedom train: tickets do NOT have to be pre-purchased at off-post locations, but can be bought at a ticket booth near the Freedom train exhibit on Crissy Field.

News notes

Teen Club Christmas party

The Teen Club will sponsor a Christmas party for all youths of active duty and retired military personnel between the age of 13-19 years. The party will take place at the Teen Club, Bldg. 92, at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 19. Refreshments will be served throughout the party and the program will consist of a contemporary Jazz Dance, "Going East", Jose Roberts Lorenzo's Brazilian Martial Arts, Song and Dance, and featuring the "Self-Expression" Dance Band. Many gifts will be awarded. All youths are invited to attend, regardless of whether a member of the Teen Club or not.

Presidio children's Christmas party

The Annual Presidio Christmas party for dependent children will start at 10 a.m., Dec. 23 at the Post Theater. One hour of assorted cartoons will be shown and immediately following this, the group will move out to the Teen Club, Bldg. 92, where a gala program consisting of Santa Claus, a clown show, prizes, and refreshments will be enjoyed by all. This program, which is sponsored by Recreation Services, invites all children ages 4-12 who are dependents of active duty and retired military personnel.

CITY LIGHTS

Sunday, 14th John Kraus will perform his distinctive variations on great hymns at the Fort Scott Chapel, at 11 p.m. Mr. Kraus, a former member of the piano faculty at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, will be accompanied by his wife Trudy, who is a soprano soloist.

At 7 p.m. the Bach Magnificat will be presented by the Bach Choir, orchestra, and soloists at St. Ignatius Church, Fulton and Parker Streets.

How to overcome fear

A color film on getting over fear to achieve success will be shown Tuesday, December 16 at 12 noon in the A.V. Auditorium of Building 603. All military, dependents or civilian employees are welcome. Call Linda Massey, 5187, for details.



Dear Editor:

I am taking this opportunity to express my most sincere dissatisfaction with your article which appeared in the Star Presidian Friday, December 5, 1975 regarding the Headquarters Company U.S. Army Garrison Dining Facility.

No place in the article was it mentioned how building 101-B was rehabilitated. There was no mention of who accomplished the work. No mention was made of the dedicated individuals who worked night and day to make ready this facility so that the troops on main post might have their Thanksgiving meal in a modern facility. The remodeling of this facility just didn't happen by itself and did not suddenly appear overnight out of thin air.

For the information of the Public Affairs Officer and the populace of the Presidio of San Francisco, this facility was designed and constructed for this post by the members of the 2nd Platoon of D Company, 864th Engineer Battalion (Construction). I feel it is a sad state of affairs when absolutely no credit is given the deserving soldier who made the Army a little more appealing for his fellow soldier.

—Capt. John M. Gates
Commander
D Co. 864th Engr Bn (C)

Editor's note: Sorry for the omission. Your criticism of the SP is well deserved. We, also, would like to express our appreciation to the 2nd Platoon, D Company of the 864th Engineer Battalion.

Tree lighting ceremony

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, December 17, at the evergreen tree next to the Presidio Fire Station beginning at 5 p.m. Colonel Warren J. Lodge, Presidio commander, will turn on the lights at 5:30 p.m. The Chapel Youth Choir will open the program.

Cub race set

Presidio Cub Pack 44 will sponsor the First Annual Presidio 1500 Cub Mobile Race on Saturday, December 13. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the first race starts at 9:30. Area cub packs have been invited to participate in this race and it is anticipated that some 100 youngsters and 20 cubmobiles will compete.

The public is invited.

DOD dog team will buy dogs

The Department of Defense Dog Procurement Team will be on post today through Sunday to recruit German Shepherd dogs for lifetime military service. They will be examining dog candidates offered for donation or sale at LAMC Veterinary Clinic, Bldg. 668, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. To qualify, Shepherds need not be purebred or registered, but must be 1 to 3 years of age, be at least 23 inches high at the shoulder and weigh at least 60 lbs. Either sex is acceptable, but if female, must be spayed at least 30 days. The team will accept donations or pay up to \$150 for any dog that qualifies. Dogs obtained by the team will be trained to detect narcotics, sniff out explosives, and protect military personnel and government resources in law enforcement and patrol type duties around the world.

Last week's FIND IT wasn't FOUND. Has the FIND IT column died? Will we be able to use all these useless pictures of ridiculous objects? Does anyone care?

Personnel management responsibilities

This is the fourth in a series of articles from the Civilian Personnel Office covering key points which supervisors (both civilian and military of civilian employees) and employees should know in the Department of Army Civilian Personnel area. It is suggested that these be staff meeting discussion items at all levels to assure widest distribution.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Supervisors and managers at all levels are responsible for the development of their employees so the organization can become more efficient and improve its capability to cope with change. Advice and assistance on such matters may be obtained from the Training and Development Branch, Civilian Personnel Division, PSF.

Managers and supervisors are responsible for determining training needs at least annually in connection with the annual training inventory. Needs are based upon such determinations as current and future skill requirements, evaluation of work methods, changes in mission, evaluation of program goals, impact of new technology on the workforce, and related matters.

Managers are responsible for assuring that newly appointed military and civilian supervisors of civilian employees attend the required 40-hour Basic Supervisory course conducted by the CPD within six months after appointment and an additional 40 hours of supervisory training within two years of appointment. The CPO also sponsors courses meeting this requirement. Middle managers and executives should be scheduled for at least 40 hours of management or executive training, annually.

Employee training requirements may also be met by attending Defense Department courses, training put on by the US Civil Service Commission, or by non-government sources such as accredited universities and colleges. Copies of completion certificates from these sources should be furnished the CPD, (ATTN: ED&T Br.) for filing in the employee's official personnel folder.

Ramblin' Sam

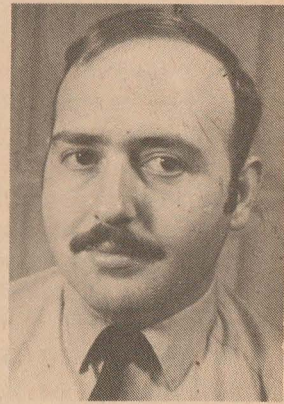


Is your government housing adequate?

Pvt. Dawn Kendall: "Not the barracks here. I just came from training at Ft. Sam Houston and the barracks there are modern. I guess I got spoiled."



Sp6 Bill Macrides: "I consider my house on Ft. Baker very adequate for my needs. With a basement, three bedrooms and a nice yard area, it's about all my wife and I could want. Being close to the Presidio makes it an easy commute, yet I'm not right on the post, which I prefer."



Sp5 Agnes Ellis: "Not in the least. There is very little personal privacy. It has no elements of one's home. The 'regime' has quick access to your room when they want. You don't have freedom of who you can bring in the barracks, or what you choose to do in it."



SFC Stephen Roberts: "I'm living in the senior enlisted BEQ and I think the room I'm in is much too small. Two of these rooms would be more adequate for one person. At least we do have access to a kitchen, so we can cook our own food, and a dayroom to relax in."



PFC Karen Stover: "I live in the barracks, but we can decorate our rooms pretty much as we please. This gives living in a barracks a homey atmosphere. My only complaint is that there aren't enough showers for all the people on our floor to use right now. Only two showers work and it's taking so long to get all of them repaired."



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The boys and girls in the band

Photos by C.D. Steen

By Fran Rhodes

Some people just naturally march to the beat of a different drummer, but at the Presidio of San Francisco, 58 individuals, doing what comes naturally to them, march to the beat of the same drummer.

While marching to that beat, the musicians of the Sixth U.S. Army Band are as different as the instruments they play. They range in age from 19 to 44 and come from as far away as New York and Georgia and as nearby as Pacifica and Millbrae. Whether they're classical, jazz, or rock enthusiasts, all agree on two points: "Music is where it's at", and, in their collective musical evaluation, "The band is putting out some fine music." No brag, just fact.

The fact is, the Sixth Army Band has members who started to scan notes about the time they learned how to read. Staff Sergeant Tom Hammond began his music career in the second grade. "At that age I didn't decide to become a musician—it was decided for me. My mother wanted one of her sons to play, and I became the one." Now leader of the band's baritone horn section, Tom was a member of the University of Georgia's Redcoat Band for four years. Since joining the Army, he has played with the Third U.S. Army Band in Atlanta and with the 298th Army Band in Berlin, Germany.

The Sixth Army Band performs for post ceremonies, for military and civilian parades, and in formal concerts both on and off post. Their travels, normally limited to a 60-mile radius due to energy restrictions, take them to numerous towns and cities throughout the Bay Area.

On one of their trips, to the University of Santa Clara's graduation exercises last June, Tom managed to get left behind. After leaving the bus to make a final check for equipment, he returned to discover the military vehicle making its exit. Improvising, he caught a Greyhound shuttle, but since that experience he's been one of the first to board the bus.

A "late starter," Specialist 5 Don Dial was introduced to the trumpet the summer after the third grade, going on to play in marching, stage, and concert bands during four years of high school and two years of college. After that, he teamed up with a jazz-rock group in Los Angeles, playing in nightclubs and recording studios throughout California. So why did he join the Army? "To recuperate—physically and mentally. A lot of traveling and playing can wear your body down. Basic training was good for me. The Army has made me grow up, in a lot of ways."

Recuperation is a necessity for some trumpet players, at least for Don. His energetic playing has resulted in three hernias (and as many operations).

Energy is a primary requisite for members of the Sixth Army Band. Practicing is a daily requirement, broken only by week-day and weekend performances.



Keeping an instrument clean is almost as important as playing it, Sp5 Sharon Diehl will tell you.

Considered a "senior" member of the band, having been with it for three and a half years, Don rates the current band "as the best since I've been in it. Mr. Farber has brought a good spirit to the group."

For bandmaster CW3 Bob Farber, the feeling is mutual: "This band has as much individual talent and the best collective interest of any I've worked with." Coming from a man who's spent 19 years with military bands, 11 of those as a bandmaster, that's not faint praise.

Since assuming command of the band in October 1974, Mr. Farber's most rewarding musical experience has been the concert given on the Presidio in November, the first in a monthly series being presented on the post. As a musician, he feels that "symphonic music is more challenging and rewarding."

Another classical music lover and "old-timer" in the band is Sergeant Thad Henry, a member since September 1972.

Musicians must have rhythm, but Thad had an unrhythmical and unnerving experience when once filling the position of drum major. Having fought for the opportunity to lead the drill band, he started out his first performance on the wrong foot—literally—and had to do some swift moving to get in step.

Swift movement is something that's also become necessary for Specialist 5 Sharon Diehl, one of the four women in the Sixth Army Band. Sharon has a special problem: "Marching with those guys is awful. They have long legs and greater freedom of movement with their uniforms. It's like running the marathon!"

As leader of the French horn section, Sharon feels that "being a section leader is a great responsibility for anyone, male or female. You're responsible for your section's music as well as their appearance and decorum." The position is also like that of a first sergeant, since section leaders assist the members with their military and personal needs or problems. Sharon admits that, for her as a woman, "It's sometimes difficult to tell a man what to do."

Regardless of their individualities, all band members are in agreement that appreciation for their efforts is their greatest reward. Appreciation is something that comes naturally to any audience when they hear the Sixth Army Band making their own kind of music.

The Sixth U.S. Army Band will present a Christmas Concert Wednesday, December 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Presidio Playhouse. The public is invited.



A lone trumpet player serenades a soundproof wall during a practice session.

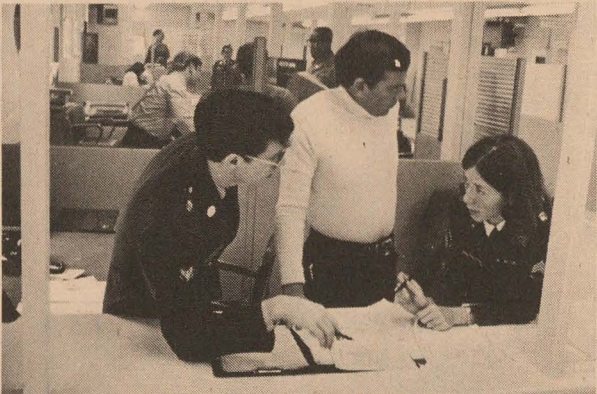
Sports

The basketball standings as of Dec. 8 are as follows:

Presidio League	Wins	Losses
USAG	3	0
Support Element	1	2
WRRC	0	2
402nd MPs	1	1
LAIR	2	1
LAMC #1	3	0
170th MPs	0	3
666th RAD	1	2

Fort Scott League	Wins	Losses
USACC	0	2
AFPD	2	0
Dist Corps of Eng	1	1
864th Eng	1	2
LAMC #2	0	2
16th BPO	2	0
HHD 504th MP	1	0

Welcome Center opens



The Presidio Welcome Center, Bldg. 227, created to centralize and simplify in and out processing,

opened Dec. 1. Vehicle registration, customer service element of military personnel, finance section, post locator, and family housing can all be found in the same building. There is also an activities processing section which can clear someone through the library, recreation services, army community services, education center, and information office unless there's some reason they have to clear in person. About the only areas the center doesn't cover are medical records in the hospital, and unit processing.

Lt. Hopkins of the Welcome Center said, "The center will reduce the time and effort of those out processing to clear post, and will get incoming personnel to their new duty stations quickly, and make the new arrival feel welcomed."

Movies

Presidio
Friday, Dec 12, The Reincarnation of Peter Proud (R) 7 p.m., Adults \$1.00, Children 50¢.
Saturday, Dec 13, He is My Brother (G) 6 p.m., Adults 50¢, Children 25¢. Farewell My Lovely (R) 8 p.m., Adults \$1.00, Children 50¢.
Sunday, Dec 14, Farewell My Lovely 6 p.m., 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec 15, Farewell My Lovely 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec 16, Chinatown (R) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢, Children 35¢.
Wednesday, Dec 17, Caravan to Vaccares (PG) 7 p.m., Adults 50¢, Children 25¢.

Schwartz/Letterman
Friday, Dec 12, Death Race 2000 (R) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢, Children 35¢.
Monday, Dec 15, The Reincarnation of Peter Proud (R) 7 p.m., Adults \$1.00, Children 50¢.
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Thursday, Dec 18, Chinatown (R) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢, Children 35¢.

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Housing:

The fair market proposal

According to the proposal, soldiers would begin paying rent for their government housing, the utilities they use and for maintenance calls. Payment of BAQ to all bachelors and the option of living on or off-post would also become a reality.

The initial impact would be that married soldiers in family housing would have to pay more, but bachelors would be charged less for their quarters. The difference in BAQ rate now between the single and married soldier results in the single soldier receiving about 20 per cent less BAQ than does the married soldier.

The proposal calls for BAQ to be paid to all soldiers under one of two possible rates: the present dual rate, or compensate all at the "with dependents" rate.

The essentials of the proposal include:

All soldiers will have the option of living in government quarters or off-post except for those soldiers required on-post because of necessity and unit integrity. This option would not be immediately extended to soldiers in grade E-4 and below.

Quarters in field situations, remote locations, combat zones, and emergency quarters provided for duty sections in unaccompanied tour areas would be provided without charge to the occupant.

Another related inequity stems from the fact that the quality and therefore the value of the housing on military bases is not uniform. So as a benefit the value will vary from one post to another. The availability of government family quarters is another variable that results in an inequity. And, finally, as every soldier knows, BAQ today bears no relationship with the amount of rent or house payments.

Because of differences in BAQ rates the military family living off-post pays on the average about \$1,000 extra a year more than the BAQ. A soldier of the same grade living on post saves about a thousand dollars. The bachelor enlisted soldiers, because of the value of their quarters, in effect receive \$80 to \$1,000 less than their BAQ value depending on the quarters and area. The bachelor officers may receive more or less than their BAQ value depending on the location and the quarters.

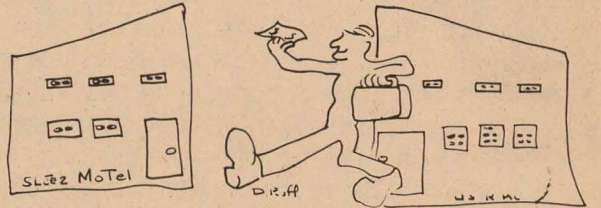
The study recommended a number of changes to correct the inequities of the present system and hopefully to stem the rising tide of housing costs to the government. To do this the proposal calls for providing quarters only to essential personnel. They are the ones who would be required to live on post because of their position of leadership or as a skill



needed for a quick response to an emergency. Other persons will not be considered in the plans for government quarters. DOD and HUD will work to develop off-post housing in the civilian community.

As a part of the study, a survey of military personnel was made to find out what soldiers thought about government housing. Seventy-two per cent of all bachelor enlisted soldiers preferred to receive BAQ and reside off post. The study also indicated that 70 per cent of the persons polled were either in favor or neutral toward a system of Fair Market Rental.

Each of the services has been asked to comment on the impact of the proposal before further action is taken on it. (ANF)



Whatever changes may occur in the future, most Presidio families are happy with their housing presently, and most singles would rather live off post.



Presidio Military Police keep busy directing traffic—and people—to and from Crissy Field.

Freedom Train chugs on

Story and photos by C.D. Steen

Despite the cold and cloudy weather, crowds of people invaded Presidio's Crissy Field to see and welcome the American Freedom Train.

Major Michael J. Williams, Army project officer for the Freedom Train during its stay at the Presidio, said support from various post units and organizations contributed greatly to preparing for the train's arrival, and some are lending a hand during its four-day stay. He gave credit to Headquarters Garrison and 864th Engineer Battalion personnel for getting Crissy Field ready prior to the train's arrival and to the post Military Police for their job in crowd and traffic control.

Only in San Francisco!

The Freedom Train, which is helping America celebrate its upcoming birthday next year, will be open through Saturday.

We're advised that the Freedom Train locomotive got a parking ticket while parked near Aquatic Park.



A bust of President John F. Kennedy was a sculptor's way of preserving one of America's greatest people and is one of several exhibits on the Freedom train.



The 6th U.S. Army Band and other ceremonial units were on hand for the opening day ceremony, where several hundred Freedom Train patrons watched.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

did you know...

Drink (wisely) and be merry

The holidays are for fun and laughing and giving and receiving and being with those we love and celebrating the birth of Christ or whatever we believe in—or it can be tinsel and booze and driving while drunk and tears and shame and misery and waste—for us and those who love us. We have the choice. We can be merry but remember the danger: more than one drink an hour, drinking without eating any food, drinking while taking medication, drinking while being tired or upset, all these make driving hazardous. So, be happy but take care!

Laundry prices rise

Laundry prices for soldiers will increase from \$6.20 to \$8 effective Jan. 1, 1976. The price rise is necessary to meet additional expenses brought on by rising costs.

The overall increase, which amounts to about 29 per cent, became necessary because of a 37 per cent increase in labor cost, a 97 per cent increase in utilities and supply costs up 131 per cent.

Soldiers currently using the laundry payroll deduction do not have to take any action to continue to receive laundry service. However, those soldiers who want to stop the service should submit a DA Form 3799 requesting the deduction be stopped.

Holiday tea

A continental holiday tea will be held by the ADAP staff on December 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 227. RSVP (2663, 3784) NLT December 23.

January promotion forecast

The Army has released the promotion figures for January. E-5s, E-6s and O-3s experienced the largest increase over the December figures but Senior NCO promotions will be scarce. Hardest hit are E-7s with 328 being promoted in January as compared to 1,178 in December. Only 50 E-8 stripes will be sewn on in January as compared to 558 in December; 25 will advance to E-9.

Other enlisted promotions include an increase by 1,000 in promotions to E-5 in January as 3,500 soldiers advance to that grade. 1,500 soldiers will be promoted to E-6 in January.

Officer promotions include 64 to O-6, 123 to O-5, 170 to O-4, and 383 to O-3. Warrant Officer promotions involve 13 to CWO-3 and 40 to CWO-4.

New ID for new year

If you are an active duty service member and haven't gotten your new identification card, your time is about up. On Jan. 1, 1976, all members of the armed services on active duty must have the new card which serves as both a military and Geneva Convention ID card.

Failure to obtain the new card by the first of the year may cause a person to be denied use of a military facility that requires an ID card until a new card is issued.

DA gives women same tours

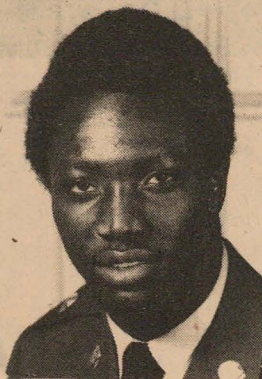
Female enlistees into the Army after Nov. 30 and women on their second enlistment will be required to serve the same oversea tour length as men, starting Jan. 1, 1976.

Single males and females alike will be obligated to serve the with-dependent tour in any country containing American soldiers.

The change means that single women assigned to Europe after Dec. 31, will serve at least 36 months. That's 12 months more than they currently spend overseas.

Women who enlist in the Army or the delayed entry program prior to Dec. 1 will be exempt provided it's their first enlistment and they do not extend.

December Soldier of the Month



Soldier of the Month for December is Sp4 Melvin Brathwaite. He is assigned to the 16th Base Post Office.

Civilian employees should avoid leave loss

The 1975 leave year for civilian employees ends during the first half of January. Officials say employees whose annual leave will exceed the maximum allowable for carryover—generally 240 hours—should make plans to avoid losing it.

Annual leave to be taken during the rest of the leave year should be approved in writing on a leave form or memo, officials say. This will be needed if the leave is cancelled because of illness or the demands of work and cannot be rescheduled in the 1975 leave year.

Under federal law, application can be made to the employing agency for restoration of annual leave unavoidably lost because of either of the above reasons. Restored leave is carried for the employee in a separate account and must be used within two calendar years.

MI seeks soldiers

Military Intelligence Career Management Field - 96 is actively seeking qualified personnel, E-6 and below, who are interested in the challenge of MOS 97. If you meet the prerequisites of AR 614-200, Change 28, dated July 8, 1975, please phone 561-4742.

Tight rein on PCS moves continues

A shortage of PCS funds means that soldiers may be spending longer tours at their CONUS assignments. DA is saying that completion of a 24 or 36 month CONUS tour by itself is no longer justification for a PCS move. Only essential moves to maintain operational readiness and to meet the Army's overseas commitment will be made, DA says.

In overseas areas, involuntary tour extensions will remain in effect until further notice. School assignments will get a close look and every effort will be made to assign soldiers to schools closest to their present duty station.

The Army is not allowed to budget for inflationary hikes that decrease the real value of PCS funds; the alternative is to curb PCS moves. DA cautions that further restrictive measures may be necessary if PCS costs continue to rise.

Discount Tickets

Discounted tickets to two Oakland Seals ice hockey games are now on sale at the Information/Tour/Travel Center to all military and civilian personnel of the Presidio. The two games are Oakland versus Los Angeles on December 26, one-half off the regular ticket prices; and Oakland versus Chicago on January 14, \$2.00 off the \$7.50 and \$6.00 seats.

For use through the rest of the regular season are discount coupons to Golden State Warriors games which allow active duty military one-half off the normal \$5.00 or \$4.00 seat price. The discount does not apply to tickets sold to post season playoffs. The coupons can be redeemed either in advance of the game, at the Warriors Box Office, 556 Golden Gate Avenue, or the night of the game at the Oakland Coliseum.

For further information on these items or tickets contact the Information, Tour, and Travel Center, Bldg. 135, Monday thru Friday between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Ext. 5480.

December 26 holiday

By Presidential proclamation, December 26 is a holiday for all federal employees including military service members. However, January 2 is a regular work day.

Toastmasters speak out

You can continue your executive development by joining the Presidio Toastmasters Club. As an active participant in the Toastmasters International program, you'll sharpen your thinking, listening and communicate more effectively when speaking. Meetings are held on Thursday, bimonthly, at noon.

For details please contact Jack Arndt, 561-3829 or Ken French, 561-4409. Toastmasters International provides an ongoing program in prepared and extemporaneous speaking, parliamentary procedure, discussion group leadership, and develops an awareness on a variety of topical subjects. There is a fee for membership.

Vacation plans

All active duty and retired personnel and their dependents are eligible for low-cost Armed Forces Travel vacations to Honolulu. Prices include round trip, first cabin air fare and two weeks lodging at the new Hale Koa Military Resort Hotel at Fort DeRussey. Beginning in January 1976, flights will leave every two weeks from Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and Washington, D.C. Total cost is \$489 from Atlanta and Washington, \$459 from Chicago, and \$449 from Dallas. A one-week package from Los Angeles is also available for \$275.

Active and retired military personnel interested in further details should contact Armed Forces Travel United States Headquarters in Los Angeles, or one of the Armed Forces Travel branch offices, located in Atlanta, Chicago, New York, San Antonio, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. To make reservations, call toll free 800-648-4990.

Movies

Schwartz/Letterman

Friday, Dec 19, Caravan to Vaccares (PG) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢, Children 35¢.
Closed Dec 22 - Jan 4.

Presidio

Friday, Dec 19, Airport 1975 (PG) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢, Children 35¢.
Saturday, Dec 20, Pippi Goes On Board (G) 2 p.m., 6 p.m., Adults 50¢, Children 25¢.
Hard Times (PG) 8 p.m., Adults \$1.00, Children 50¢.
Sunday, Dec 21, Hard Times (PG) 6 p.m., 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec 22, The Passenger (PG) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢, Children 35¢.
Tuesday, Dec 23, The Day of the Locust (R) 7 p.m., Adults 75¢, Children 35¢.
Closed Dec 24 - 25.

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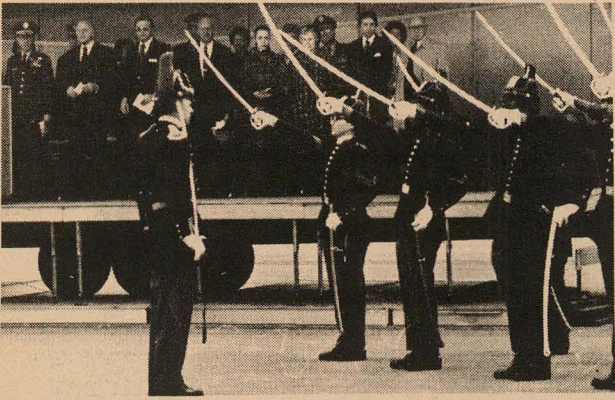
photos by C. D. Steen

Freedom Train sparks teamwork

Nothing works without cooperation—not stage shows, businesses, firetrucks or Freedom Trains.

And speaking of cooperation, without the active participation of a lot of Presidians, the Freedom Train would never have hit Crissy Field's rusty rails last week, and 41,800 visitors would never have toured the train's corridors.

While the train was here, the most difficult job belonged to the Military Police, who had to control traffic, crowds and lost children, and prevent undue disruption of normal post activities.



The Bicentennial Ceremonial Marching Unit entertained thousands during the train's visit, including military and civilian dignitaries.

The crowds weren't as large as expected, however, and some of the extra men detailed were taken off later in the week.

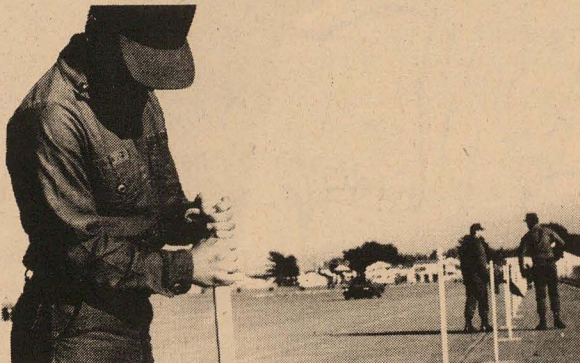
Captain James L. Richardson, Provost Marshal operations officer, said Presidio residents and employees seemed to understand the situation, making the military police task easier.

But months before the train arrived, Presidians were preparing for its visit in a manner which would

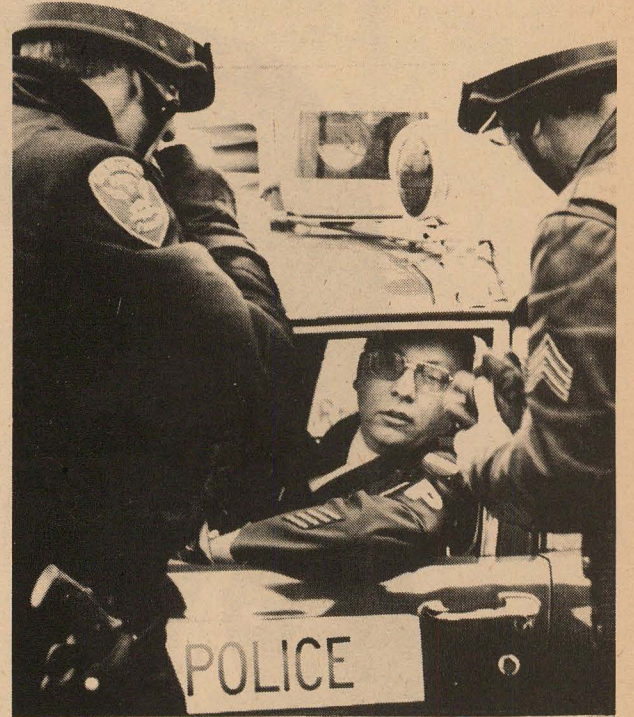
have done credit to the planners of the Normandy invasion. There were water lines, toilets and telephones to install, P.A. systems to be set up, maps to be drawn, funds to be allocated, drivers to be detailed and almost every other aspect involved in preparing for a major military operation. Just about every activity on the Presidio had some responsibility, either before, during or after the Freedom Train visit. Sometimes this support involved long, extra hours as in the case of the Military Police; or hard physical labor, as with Staff Sergeant Ernest Thomas' work detail from D Company, 864th Engineers and Headquarters Company, Garrison. Sometimes the preparation involved just phone calls and paperwork, and more phone calls and yet more paperwork.

What did the Presidio get out of it? The answer varies. Sergeant First Class Robert L. Chandler, who coordinated the Military Police during the train's visit, enjoyed the professionalism of the people he worked with, both in his own unit and from other police agencies.

"They were determined," he says, "to get the job done right."



Personnel from 864th Engineers and Headquarters Garrison joined forces in preparing for Freedom Train's arrival.



Civilian and military police worked together in keeping pedestrians and drivers safe.

Staff Sergeant Al West, part of the Presidio Bicentennial Marching Unit, says he got a kick from the variety of people who attended.

Robert McVay, who helped with advance publicity during the project, was impressed with the sheer amount of detail involved in preparing for the visit. He added that the Army handled the project most efficiently.

In all, though opinions varied on the Freedom Train itself, almost everyone involved in preparing for its visit, gained at least an appreciation for the dedication of fellow workers.

Fire Chief says:

Keep a cool yule

This Christmas don't let the "jingle bells" heard in your driveway be those of a fire engine!

Failure to pay attention to fire safety in regard to Christmas trees, lights and other decorations can inject tragedy into this traditionally joyful season, warns Presidio Fire Chief John Chur as the busy holiday season nears. He offers these suggestions for keeping Christmas a fire-safe and happy time:

- Natural trees should be fresh-looking and firm-needed when selected. Saw off the butt an inch above the original cut, stand the tree in water, and keep it in water until it is disposed of—soon after Christmas Day. Don't rely on do-it-yourself flameproofing treatment, as none is truly effective. Set up the tree away from heat and where it won't block doorways or stairs. . . Artificial trees should be clearly marked as made of slow-burning materials. Look for the Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) label on trees with built-in electrical systems. . . With metal trees, use only indirect lighting to avoid the possibility of electric shock.

- Check lighting strings for frayed and cracked wires, loose connections, broken sockets. Replace only with UL-labeled sets. Bulbs made in the U.S. generally are safest; imported bulbs may have dangerous hot spots. Electric cord sets with built-in

fuses are strongly recommended. . . Always turn off tree and other indoor holiday lighting when leaving the house or retiring for the night. . . For outdoor lighting, use only sets UL-listed for this purpose.

- Noncombustible materials such as metal, glass and asbestos should be used for decorations as much as possible. Make sure cotton batting, flock and decorating paper are flameproofed. Natural evergreen decorations dry quickly, burn readily, so keep them well removed from candles, the fireplace and other heat. Don't use polystyrene foam for table or mantel decorations where there are lighted candles.

- Dispose of gift wrappings promptly and safely—NOT in the fireplace.

- Be especially careful during the Christmas season to keep matches and cigarette lighters out of the reach of children, and try to keep the youngsters from playing beneath or near the Christmas tree.

Finally, Chief Chur emphasizes, it is especially important during this busy time of the year that children never be left alone or without proper supervision—even for a short time—and that every family have a well-rehearsed escape plan for use in case of a fire emergency.

Personnel

management

responsibilities

This is the fifth in a series of articles from the Civilian Personnel Office covering key points which supervisors (both civilian and military of civilian employees) and employees should know.

Evaluating Worker Performance

The term "performance rating" refers to the annual formal process of assigning an official rating to each employee. Effective evaluation of worker performance extends far beyond this once-a-year rating process.

It begins when the supervisor and the employee develop performance requirements or standards for the position. These requirements relate to such items as expected quantity and quality of work. Some situations lend themselves to written performance standards, others may not. The most important factor is that there is a good mutual understanding of what the supervisor expects.

Once this framework has been established, performance appraisal becomes a continuing process. In this process, the supervisor must assure that employees are made periodically aware of their strengths and weaknesses. As a part of this process, the supervisor has an obligation to advise the employee of specific actions needed for improvement. These might involve attendance at training courses, on-the-job skills training or attitudinal changes.

In the case of employees new to government, supervisors should recognize that the probationary period (first year) is an extension of the examining/selection process. Serious deficiencies, which are not susceptible to correction during the probationary period, should be identified and appropriate action taken in conjunction with the personnel office at least three months before the close of this trial period.

Continuing appraisal against standards which are mutually understood and kept up-to-date leads naturally to the identification of employees deserving of awards, assists employees in obtaining eligibility for advancement to more responsible positions, permits identification and resolution of problems before these become magnified and makes the annual official performance rating more meaningful.

The blotter



1. Parents, know who your babysitter is and if he or she is capable and dependable. Don't forget to discuss the matter of guests with him or her.

2. Always leave the following information with your babysitter:

- a. The location and phone number of your destination and when you expect to return.

- b. The telephone number of the fire department (Emergency 117/561-4317); the Military Police (Emergency 110/561-2251); LAMC Ambulance (561-4177).

- c. Your home address or building number to relay to

the Military Police or fire department in case he or she needs to contact them.

3. NEVER come home later than the time prearranged with the babysitter. If you must, as a result of unavoidable circumstances, call home if possible.

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"Traditional" Christmas Potpourri



By Carol Cronin

Visions of sugarplums, Christmas carols in front of a roaring fire, gobs of homemade goodies at the homes of friends and relatives, the freshly cut Christmas tree surrounded by gifts, and laughing St. Nick with his endless supply of seasonal cheer. This may bring to mind the picture of a traditional Christmas, but the holiday as we celebrate it today is far from what it has been over the years.

For any true traditionalists who would like to celebrate an authentic old-fashioned Christmas, here are some examples of what Christmas was like in the good old days.



A muddy Yule

The spirit of Christmas was swallowed up by mud puddles in the streets of a very soggy San Francisco during late December, 1849. A citizens rescue group was organized to man the worst of the puddles and keep the unwary from drowning in the deep mud. Even on solid ground, finding shelter from the persistent rain was difficult. Men felt lucky to pay dearly for a third of a dry bed.

As if the situation wasn't bad enough, the first San Francisco fire broke out on Christmas Eve, causing a million dollars worth of damage to hastily built tents and wooden shacks.

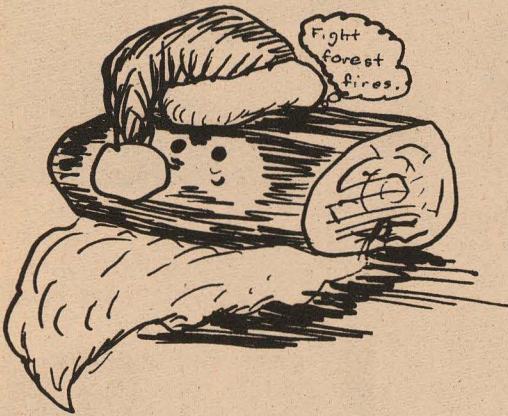


A little joke from Mark Twain

By 1865 San Francisco had recovered its spirit and sense of humor, or at least one of its inhabitants, Mark Twain, had. He wrote a letter to some friends which appeared in the "Territorial Enterprise." In the letter he discussed the "bill of festivities to be indulged in at the Cliff House on Christmas Day."

Among other events, "Pete Hopkins, renowned Spectre of the mountain will walk a tight rope—the artist himself being tighter than the rope at the time—from the Cliff House to Seal Rocks and will ride back on the Seal known as Ben Butler, or the Seal will ride back on him as circumstances shall determine." Hopefully the public wasn't gullible enough to show up for Mr. Twain's imaginary program.

Illustrations by David Ruff



Tradition of the Yule Log

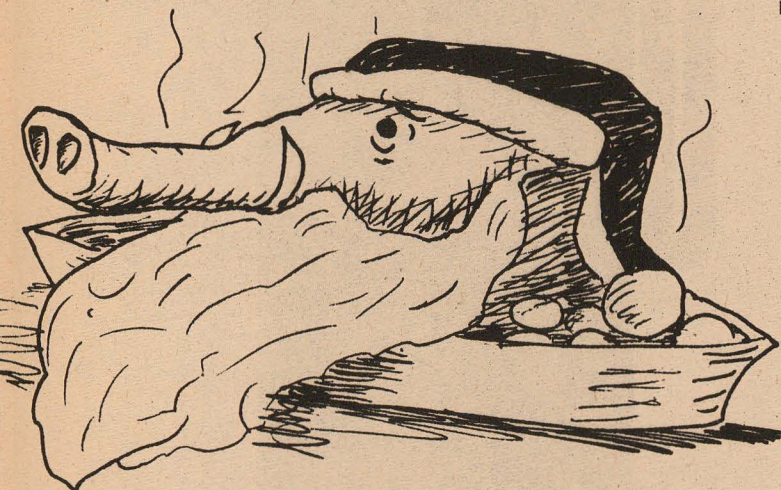
Reviving the old Yule Log tradition could be difficult. You have to find an old tree stump, or root, the bigger the better, and transport it to your hearth. Then it is lighted from last year's charred log to symbolize the renewal of the light after the winter solstice. Two superstitions accompany the burning of the log. If it doesn't ignite the first time, or doesn't burn at least 12 hours, then you'll have bad luck.

The superstitions continued as those sitting round the fire examine their shadows on the wall, dreading to see a headless shadow which means death within the year.



Black Pete, Santa's forgotten helper

The helpful elves that assist Santa Claus these days are a far cry from his assistant according to the original Dutch tradition. Dutch children were told that Knecht Ruprecht or Black Pete traveled ahead of St. Nicholas leaving switches for those children who deserved it, while St. Nickolas brought up the rear with gifts for the good children. Knecht Ruprecht was as ugly and menacing as St. Nickolas was wise and good. But even St. Nicholas wasn't the jolly old soul he is for us. He was pictured as sober and judicious, wearing a priest's robe.

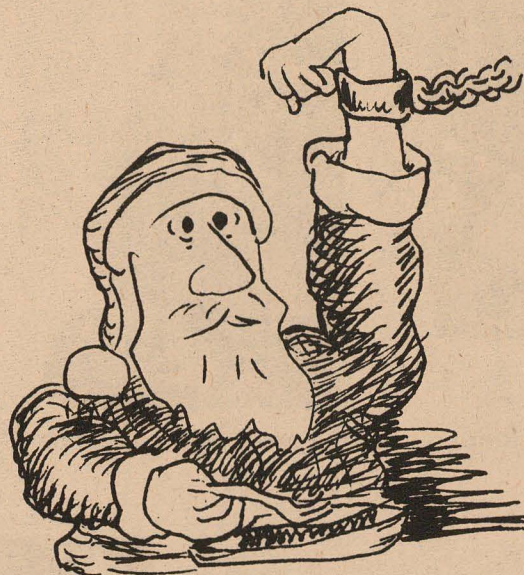


Boar's head roast

If you think cooking a turkey is complicated, consider this excerpt from a recipe for Boar's Head, once an integral part of the Christmas menu:

"Split the head in two halves, except for the joining skin at the top. Remove the eyes, ears, snout, and all the bone at the back. Wrap brains separately. Soak all parts in running water for an hour, rub with salt, and leave to soak in a tub of strong salt water overnight. . .

Serve on a clean flat fir bough, adding split almond tusks, with prunes for eyes."



Illegal Christmas Pie

How controversial can a pie be? Very, if it's a mince pie. At one time it was considered idolatrous and even became illegal to bake mincemeat pie, because it was originally baked in the shape of a manger with the image of the baby Jesus on top. The contents were meant to symbolize the variety of gifts offered by the Magi at Christ's birth. Cooks began disguising the pie by making it round and putting a topping on it until it changed to more what we know today.



"Here's to a little carousing"

Father Font, the priest for the first settlers to make their way to the Presidio, had problems with a persistent tradition, the Christmas toast. On Christmas eve of 1775, the settlers were still traveling when he "learned that because it was Christmas Eve, refreshments were being given to the soldiers; and in order if possible to prevent a drunken carousal. . ."

he complained to the commander, but to no avail. Perhaps the settlers enjoyed their "refreshments" so much because of the poor Christmas meal—chocolate in the morning; and chile and beans in the evening.



Early Presidio feast

Christmas dinner became a bit more extravagant for Presidians in later years. In fact, in 1927 everyone in the Fort Scott, Battery A, Sixth Coast Artillery, enjoyed the following feast:

Ripe olives, salami, shrimp salad, roast turkey with oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, cold sliced ham, candied sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, stuffed tomatoes, lettuce with mayonnaise, dressing, asparagus tips, sugar peas, giblet gravy, celery, mince pie, chocolate layer cake, pumpkin pie, vanilla ice cream, apples, and bananas.



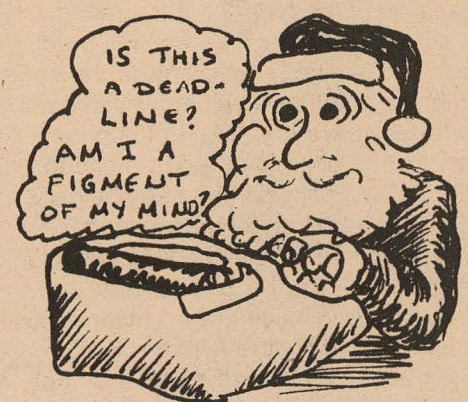
What a meal!

And how's the Christmas meal in the Army these days? Well, it was good enough to entice SSG Arthur Clayton of HQ Co. Garrison to eat in the mess hall while stationed in Germany one Christmas day. It was undoubtedly far from the best meal that the mess hall had served though, since SSG Clayton came down with food poisoning from it.



Voices from on high

Christmas carols from a neighbor enlivened SGT Norman Carey's Christmas day celebration in West Germany a few years back. The neighbor wasn't from next door or even down the street though. It was East Germany who had sent over a balloon which was broadcasting carols while floating over the base.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the entire staff of the Information Office.



This will be the last issue of the "Star Presidian" for 1975. The next issue will be on Friday, January 9. The decision to eliminate two issues was made so that the Star Presidian staff and the publisher's staff can enjoy the Christmas/New Year holidays.



Sam, Ramblin' . . .



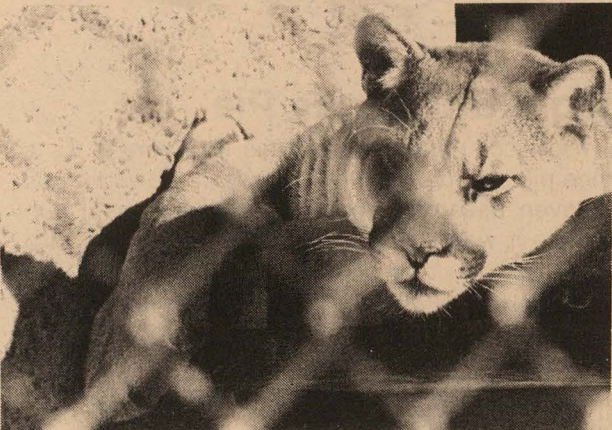
For Christmas, we sent our perspiring reporter, C.D., out on the Presidio to ask people what they wanted most for Christmas. Here are some of the more understandable answers.



A pass to the Democratic national convention.



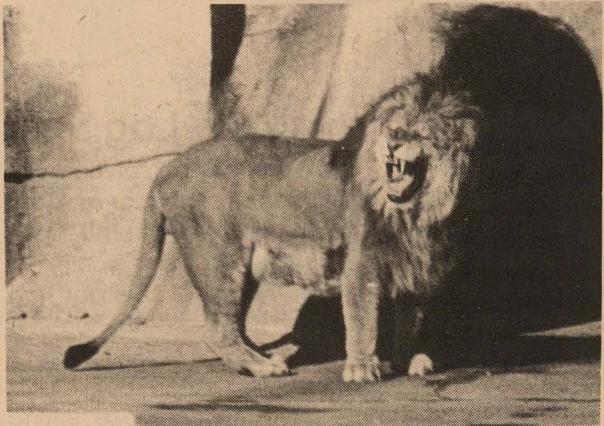
A fine tooth rake and a pearl cigarette holder.



A zookeeper and a bottle of steak sauce.



A 72-hour girdle.



A photographer and a bottle of steak sauce.

P.S., our reporter may need a new map of the Presidio.

Tips on savings:

Proper auto maintenance will decrease gas waste

Decreasing speed is one method of conserving fuel which we are all familiar with, but according to the Federal Energy Commission, having a properly tuned engine and using the best lubricants for your car can result in even greater savings.

Here are a few gas saving tips to keep in mind. Buy gas only when the gauge shows a quarter tank or less. The practice of keeping tanks nearly full at all times is wasteful. Each fill-up introduces the possibility of spillage. The higher gas tank weight also adversely affects gas mileage.

Use gasoline of the proper octane rating. Using too low an octane rating for your car will produce a "ping" which, if sustained, will damage the engine. Using too high an octane wastes money and will not produce more power or improve fuel economy.

Change oil and oil filter at recommended intervals. Dirty oil can seriously damage engine parts and cause friction and wear that rob gas mileage. A worn engine that burns oil will require more frequent tuning and get progressively poorer gas mileage.

Use a good quality multi-grade (multi-viscosity) oil that meets the appropriate API and SAE service rating. Multi-grade 10W30 and 10W40 oil help reduce internal engine friction and give better gasoline mileage than single grade SAE30 oils. Do not use an oil of higher viscosity than recommended in your owner's manual since heavier oils tend to increase friction and decrease miles-per-gallon efficiency. A lower viscosity oil such as 5W30 is recommended for winter months in the northern states. Become aware of gas usage.

Keep a check on miles per gallon. That's the number of miles you get from one gallon of gas. Record the amount of gasoline added to your tank at each fill-up and the odometer reading. Miles per gallon is obtained by dividing the miles traveled since the previous fill-up by the gallon added at the last fill-up.

Consider installing a miles-per-gallon meter or a manifold vacuum gauge. The gauge can teach you

good driving habits by visually indicating the vacuum in the intake manifold which is directly related to gas efficiency. To increase your gas mileage, learn to drive so that you achieve a high vacuum reading on the gauge.

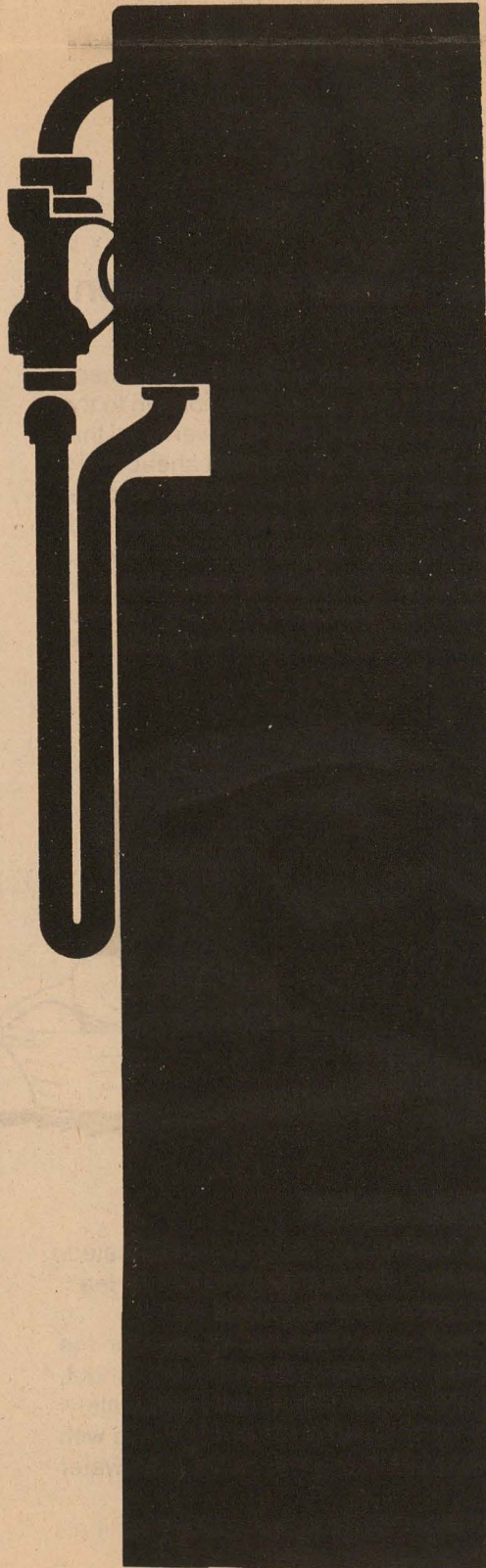
Select your new car wisely

Get some expert advice. Before starting out to buy a new car, write to Fuel Economy, Pueblo, Co. 81009, for a copy of "EPA/FEA 1975 Gas Mileage Guide for New Car Buyers." Study the fuel economy figures carefully. Also review the tabular comparison of specifications and test results published by **Consumers Union** and the motor industry magazines. Generally the best fuel economy is associated with: Low vehicle weight; Small engine; Manual transmission; Low numerical axle ratio; and Low frontal area, i.e., car width times height.

Purchase only the optional equipment and accessories you really need. Such items as automatic transmission, power steering and air conditioning require considerable energy, which must be derived from the gasoline. Other equipment such as power brakes, electric motor-driven windows, seats and radio antenna require little energy for their operation. However, these items as well as a vinyl roof, and a host of other accessories all add to the vehicle weight and thus reduce fuel economy.

In warm climates, select a light-colored vehicle. Light colors reflect the sun's rays and keep the car cooler.

Look into local laws that save energy. State and local laws that help reduce automobile gasoline consumption include: increasing availability of highly energy-efficient public transportation; creating express lanes for carpools and buses during peak traffic hours; establishing a system of one-way streets in heavily used areas; synchronizing lights; permitting right turns on red; banning stopping, standing and parking on arterial streets during rush hours; and providing overpasses at busy intersections.



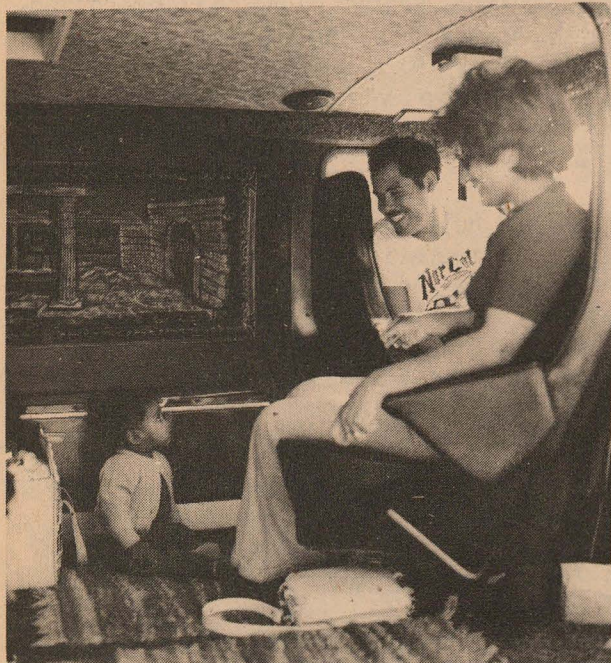
From the CASTLE

Vans: another way to go

by A.C. Reyes

Remember that last cross country trip you took in your car?

After the first 200 miles you gave up trying to keep the kids quiet in the back; you tried in vain to get in a somewhat more comfortable position; your wife was bending your ear about how nice and restful that motel looked back there. You have a crick in your neck, your eyes have developed a sudden, uncon-



There's plenty of room in the back of a van—at least for a small family.



Graffiti indicates one of a growing number of proud van owners.

trollable craving for eye drops and your mind starts wandering. . . Boy, how nice it would be if you could only stretch out for a while in a nice, quiet place, sipping a cold bear. . . Whose idea was this trip anyhow?

Enter the recreational vehicles. R.V.'s for short, although most everybody calls them, affectionately, vans.

Right now, vans are the fastest selling item on any dealer's floor and could rightly be thought of as the offspring of the union between the hot rod and the middle-class Volkswagen campers of the 60's.

Vans, like cars, and unlike their larger counterparts, the mobile homes, can go just about any place, provide reasonably good gas mileage, and perhaps are more readily accepted.

Military families, perhaps because of their acquired nomadic instincts, have begun to look at vans with new interest, and looking over the parking lots at military installations, some of them have done more than just looking. They are buying them.

But by far one of the most desirable advantages of "vanning", as the enthusiasts are fond of saying, is the exhilarating sense of freedom, without worrying about hotel reservations, and whether or not you'll be able to make it in time.

More and more families are finding these qualities appealing enough to adopt a van as their means of transportation—and recreation. Van owners seem to undergo a transformation upon acquiring a van, and seem intent on letting other less fortunate drivers (read: non-van owner) know how they feel about their vans. They do this by displaying signs like "Happiness is a van"; "Just passing thru"; "Just vanning around".

Yep, no doubt about it, vans are the way to go. . . in more ways than one.



Van owner with a sign of the times that tells the tale.

Weatherize your dog



From the ALASKAN PIONEER

With cold weather here dog owners are reminded that it's time to take certain steps to help protect their dogs against the cold. Most dogs, except young puppies, very small breeds and those with very short hair, thrive outdoors. They have much natural protection against the cold weather but it's important that they be well cared for in order to maximize this protection. Much of this care consists of common sense rules.

First, be sure and keep your animal as clean as possible. Dirty fur and skin decreases the amount of air pockets which serve as insulation for the animal. By keeping the fur clean and de-matted, his coat will stay fluffy and be a good insulator.

Second, be sure to keep the animal dry. Water draws tremendous amounts of heat from the body. It also decreases the air pockets in the fur. If your dog's natural insulation is decreased and heat is drawn off by water, he'll have little protection against the cold.

As pointed out, your dog's coat of fur is his primary insulator; therefore, if your dog is going to be outside this winter, be sure to let his hair coat grow to its fullest length. In most cases, you should dispense with clipping patterns appropriate for the various breeds so that he will be well protected all over.

If you plan to have your dog outside at night or for any period greater than a few minutes, you should be keeping your dog outside at night or for any period greater than a few minutes, you should be keeping your dog outside all day also. Start now if you plan to do it in the winter. Dogs cannot adjust well to the cold when they are allowed to come in and out of a warm house or are kept inside most of the day.

Building a good dog house is another important method of "winterizing" your dog. It must be well

constructed to protect the animal from rain, snow, and drafts. Face the door of the house to the south. Also be sure to make it the correct size for your own pet. His house should be as small as he can comfortably get into. Providing a larger house will not be a luxury for him. If the house is too big, his body heat will not keep the house warm. So don't put a small dog in a house for a St. Bernard. If your dog's house is too big, place a small keg or barrel in the dog house. Open the key on one end and attach it so it won't roll.

The floor of the dog house should be three to four inches off the ground. This will separate it from the cold, wet ground. Be sure to provide some bedding for the dog. Straw, hay, or a blanket can be used. These will help make him more comfortable and prevent any pressure sores.

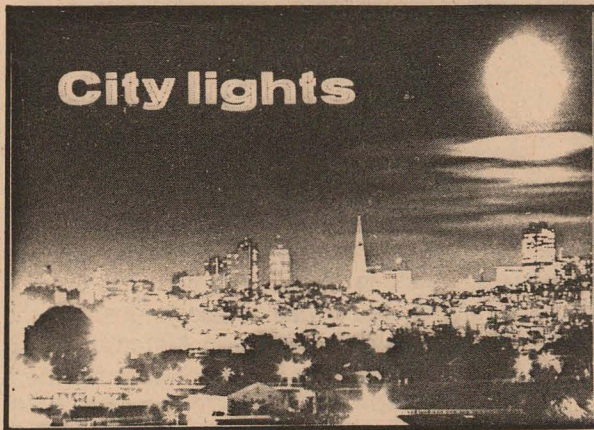
If you use some bedding, it is essential that you change it regularly (at least once a week). Old bedding will be dirty and provide little cushion or warmth for the dog. In addition, it's a reservoir for organisms

which can cause disease to you and your animal.

Another way to protect your animal from winter is to give him a well-balanced and plentiful diet. Most dogs will require more food during the cold weather. This varies with the individual animal but they usually need at least 25 percent more calories than in warm months. Medium and large dogs should be fed a dry dog food since this food has a greater calorie content than moist canned dog food.

To be sure your pet is maintained properly, weigh him once a week and keep a chart of the results so that you'll know whether he is gaining or losing weight.

Finally, the key to survival for your dog is good health. Be sure that all immunizations are up to date. Have him checked for intestinal parasites at least every six months. This can be done by dropping a fresh stool sample off at the veterinary clinic of your choice. In addition, be sure to have your dog examined regularly by a veterinarian to help detect any problems.



by Carol Cronin

Friday, 19th Sword dances, planting dances of midwinter, Tom Fool, the Magician, shepherds, winter witches, and the dance of the stars and planets will all come to life in Wintermas, a festive ceremony of light celebrating the Winter Solstice. Carlos Carvajal's transcultural dance celebrates the reassurance that the light does always return. Wintermas will be performed tonight and tomorrow, 8 p.m., at Zellerbach Auditorium in Berkeley. Tickets range from \$3.00 to \$4.50. Then the performance will move to the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre December 26, 27, 30, 31, and January 1, 2, and 3 at 8:30 p.m.; December 28 at 5 p.m.; and January 4 at 3 p.m. Tickets range from \$2.00 to \$5.00. Phone 824-5044 for more information or reservations.

Saturday, 20th The Christmas Oratorio, Part I, and The Magnificat have been chosen by the California Bach Society for its concert in the Nourse Auditorium tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50. Phone 421-1000 for reservations.

Sunday, 21st If you think your house is a zoo on Christmas morning, come get a preview for this year at the Gorilla Christmas party at the zoo. The great apes will be treated to huge burlap stockings filled with goodies at the Gorilla Grotto at 1 p.m.

Handel's "Messiah" will be performed by a full orchestra and choir at the Post Chapel at 7 p.m. A nursery is available at the Religious Activities Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Monday, 22nd Festive concerts featuring California artists and composers are presented through tomorrow at the Oakland Museum's Holiday Festival. Admission is free.

Tuesday, 23rd Christmas Season humbugs can take in Clayton Bailey's "Wonders of the World Museum" at the M.H. de Young Memorial Museum. The exhibit, which runs through January 4, is a satire on archaeological and natural history museums. His "documented finds" are ceramic.

Wednesday, 24th Christmas caroling while riding cable cars is a tradition unique to San Francisco. Hop on a car early in the evening and join in. The Emporium, Macy's, Embarcadero Center, The Cannery, and Ghirardelli Square are only a few of the shopping areas that are traditionally decorated.

Thursday, 25th Merry Christmas.

Presidio Cubmobilers Cop Top Honors

Story and photos by C.D. Steen

The two streamlined racers moved slowly at first. Then, as gravity took effect, the cars began to pick up speed. The drivers in each car had their heads bent low to prevent the wind from crashing into their bodies and slowing them down. Each driver had steady control of his vehicle.

When the half-way point was reached, the drivers maneuvered their cars into position for the final hundred yard run. Only the car with the least wind resistance and the best wheel lubrication would win. Only one did—the other a fraction of a second behind.



Mark Gabriel finds the hardest thing about having his picture taken is having his dad comb his hair for it.

The winner got out and walked over to his fallen competitor who stood up and congratulated the winner in a sportsmanlike manner. The winner, smiling, thanked him.

The first run of the first annual Cubmobile Race, held this past Saturday on the Presidio's main parade field, was over. Several more races between San Francisco Cub Scout Pack 97 and Presidio Cub Scout Pack 77, arch rivals in sporting competitions, would take place. At the end of the day, each as a whole took away a piece of the prize pie.

The Cubmobile Race, an event held just before Christmas, is the idea of Staff Sergeant Richard Boyer, assigned to the 402nd MP Company. "I wanted to invent a project that would get fathers and sons working together. Building gravity-powered racing cars, like the well-known soap box derby racers, was the idea."

Since July, the sergeant has worked with scouting officials and other fathers on this project. The first annual Cubmobile Race was the product. He said the scouts did most of the work themselves with their dads lending a hand when power tools were needed. Though the hand-made wooden cars are similar to soap box derby style, the scouting races have no-

thing to do with soap box derby competitions, he said.

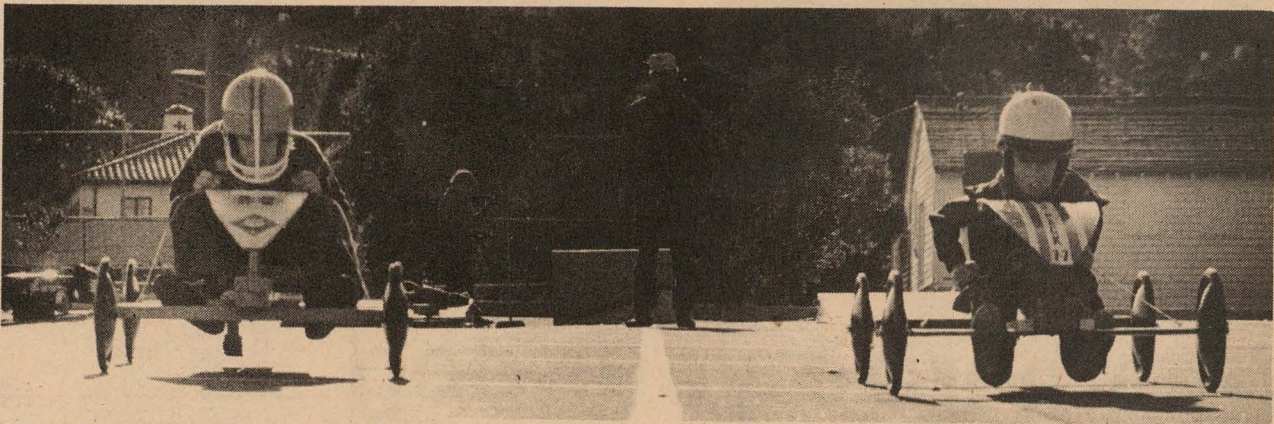
The 21 different cars that competed in Saturday's race were designed in whatever way each father and son team wanted, but all had to meet certain weight and size rules before entering.

Top prizes awarded were first and second place trophies in two classes: Weblo class, boys ages 10-11; and junior cub scouts, ages 8-9. The two top awards went to Presidio scouts. Mark Gabriel, Den 2, took first in the junior division, and Adam Borowski in Weblo Division. But Pack 97 of San Francisco grabbed the special prize—the "101 Electronic Project Kit", donated by Radio Shack.

Smaller prizes were also distributed, and every boy who entered received a special patch to be worn on his uniform.

Before the scouts did their thing on the race track, den mothers to the two packs got a chance to see what the race was all about and raced themselves—just for fun!

Though Presidio scouts took the large share of the first prizes, the Pack 94 scout leader wasn't too disgruntled. He just mumbled something like: "Wait 'til next year."



Two Cubmobiles begin the 200 yard course at Presidio's main parade field.

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Post Cagers set season schedule

By Pete Bartlett

Maybe you're thinking, I'd love to get mid-court seats at the next Golden State Warriors game. But when you reach into your pocket you come up with day-old dog biscuits. Well if you love basketball, want mid-court seats and look forward to a day of basketball excitement, then your problem is solved. The answer is Presidio's alternative to the Warriors - the Presidio Post Team.

The team is composed of military personnel assigned to assorted units throughout the Presidio. Most team members have played college ball or in industrial or semi-pro basketball leagues. Major Bill Carey from Western Regional Recruiting Command heads the team as player-coach. Coach Carey has confidence in his team members and believes the Presidio can win it all this year.

Let's come out and support our team on their first home opener, December 27th. All games will be held at the Post Gym at 1 p.m.

Northern California Basketball League Schedule Presidio Post Team

Dec 13	Presidio vs McClellan AFB	.....	Away
Dec 27	Presidio vs. Alameda Navy Station	.....	Home
Jan 3	Presidio vs. Travis AFB	.....	Home
Jan 10	Presidio vs. McClellan AFB	.....	Home
Jan 17	Presidio vs. Travis AFB	.....	Away
Jan 31	Presidio vs. Alameda Navy Station	.....	Away
Feb 7	Presidio vs. Castle AFB	.....	Home
Feb 14	Presidio vs. Castle AFB	.....	Away

PSF Intramural basketball league standings to include Dec. 16:

Presidio League	.....	Won	Lost
LAMC #1	.....	4	0
LAIR	.....	4	1
USAG	.....	3	2
402d MP Co	.....	2	2
666th Rd Sqd	.....	2	2
Support Element	.....	1	2
170th MP Co	.....	1	4
WRRRC	.....	0	4



Ft. Scott League	.....	Won	Lost
AFPD	.....	4	0
HHD 504th MP Bn	.....	3	0
16th BPO	.....	2	1
864th Engrs	.....	1	2
LAMC #2	.....	1	2
Dist Engrs	.....	1	3
USACC	.....	0	4

Youth basketball league standings

Major Team	.....	Won	Lost
Lakers	.....	3	1
Knicks	.....	3	1
Sonics	.....	3	1
Tigers	.....	2	2
Thumbs	.....	1	3
Warriors	.....	0	4

Minor Team	.....	Won	Lost
Bruins	.....	4	0
Panthers	.....	3	1
Bombers	.....	2	2
Celtics	.....	2	2
Bullets	.....	1	3
Braves	.....	0	4

Presidio racqueteers squash others

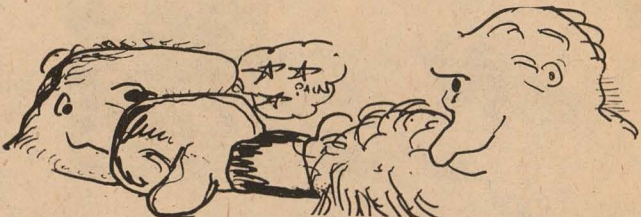
After five team contests, the Presidio team has chalked up 15 victories out of 25 matches so far. The squash season of team matches continues until the league championship playoffs on March 1, 1976, which will be followed by the important Northern California Singles Championship, March 5 - 7, 1976.

The Presidio players who have so far participated in these team matches include Edward Flanagan, Cass Conaway, John Feagin, Barry Gardner, Bill Moore and Bill Byrd, plus Russel Bell and Bill Strong, team coach. Additional squash enthusiasts stand ready on the reserve list, such as Joe Egan, Cliff Smith, Clay Bristow, Arnold Milstein, Strait and Javed Shah, to name a few who play and practice regularly.

The Presidio Squash Team is now playing against seven other C-League teams in the Northern California Squash Racquets Association. Some teams play at Bay Area clubs, such as the Olympic Club and the University Club of San Francisco, while other teams use courts at the University of California.

Among the 40 or more tournaments sanctioned by the Pacific Coast Squash Association are several with many top-notch Bay Area players:

Olympic Club Championship, San Francisco, Dec. 5-7.
University Club Championship, San Francisco, Jan. 23-25.
California State Championship, San Francisco, Feb. 20-22.
Northern California Championship, Berkeley, Mar. 5-7.
Pacific Coast Singles Championship, Los Angeles, Mar. 12-14.



FORSCOM boxing tournament

Active duty military personnel assigned or attached to the Presidio of San Francisco who are qualified and desire to participate in the FORSCOM Boxing Tournament at Ft. Hood, Texas from Jan. 26-30, 1976 should contact the Ft. Scott Gym, Ext. 2070/5328 for further information not later than Dec. 24.

Commander's Cup Point Total as of December 15:

Unit	.....	Points
1. LAMC	.....	100
2. LAIR	.....	94
3. HHD 504th MP Bn	.....	84
4. WRRRC	.....	80
5. 402d MP Co	.....	74½
6. USAG	.....	74½
7. 864th Engrs	.....	69
8. Support Element	.....	64½
9. 16th BPO	.....	61
10. 170th MP Co	.....	61
11. AFPD	.....	60
12. USA Reference Lab	.....	45
13. Dist. Engrs	.....	41
14. USACC	.....	37
15. 525th MI Gp	.....	36½
16. ARR IX	.....	27½
17. USACIDC	.....	26½
18. 6A Band	.....	15
19. 163d MP Det	.....	10
20. Courier Station	.....	10
21. 51st Engr Det	.....	10
22. OARB	.....	5